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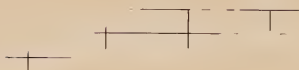
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At the recent meeting of the Montana State Library Association in Helena it was decided to issue a bulletin every second month, with the cooperating libraries each sponsoring an issue. This first issue comes from the Missoula Public Library and the Missoula County Free Library.

New officers of the Association for the year 1939-1940 are: President - Margaret Fulmer, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings; Vice-President - Bessie Sestak, Great Falls Public Library; Secretary - Doris Wilson, Montana State College Library, Bozeman; and Treasurer - Lucille Grove, Kalispell Public Library.

The meeting in Helena was well attended, and all in attendance report a pleasant and profitable time. It was decided by vote of the membership to hold the 1940 meeting in Billings.

The Association needs more members and larger representation from the smaller libraries if it is to serve Montana to the best advantage.

Of the three "library bills" introduced at the last session of the Legislature, one became law, that permitting two or more counties to join in establishing and supporting a central library, or contracting for countywide service from an existing library. The purpose of this law is to provide a way for counties of low valuation to have adequate library service. With the maximum support for a county library limited to one mill many counties can not adequately support a county library, while two or more acting together could provide countywide service for themselves. Such a regional library if established need not abolish any existing library or curtail its activities. Rather it should supplement the service already existing. Would your county benefit by such a regional library?

Featured speakers at the Helena meeting were Miss Jeannette Rankin, former congresswoman from Montana, and Miss Edith Gantt, specialist in public libraries from the Library Division of the Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

Committees appointed for the current year are:

Revision of the Certification Bill: Miss M. Winnifred Feighner, Miss Erin Janzig, Miss McDonnell.
Consideration of appropriation: Miss Lucille A. Herian, Miss Catherine White, Miss Inez Ratekin.
Planning: Miss Nina M. Ford, Mrs. M.C. Burlingame, Miss Dorothy Phelps, Mrs. Elizabeth Garber, Miss Mary Botten.

Members of the Montana Library Association voted to submit to voluntary certification to demonstrate their faith in the soundness of this step in raising professional standards. They wish to emphasize that required certification would not endanger the job of any Montana librarian.

Miss M. Winnifred Feighner, Acting Librarian at the University of Montana Library at Missoula, has been granted a year's leave of absence and will be in charge of the State College Library at Bozeman, beginning September first. Mrs. Lois B. Payson, Librarian at the State College will be absent on leave during the year.

Miss Katherine Campbell has been appointed Executive Librarian at the State University during Miss Feighner's absence.

Miss Gladys Johnson is a new staff member at the University Library, taking the place of Miss Helen Duncan, who has resigned to enter other work.

Miss Nadine Whitford has been appointed branch librarian of the new West Side Branch Library in Great Falls.

A juvenile book to be published soon that should interest children's librarians is "Grasshopper Gold", by Grace and Olive Barnett of Missoula. This book pictures frontier days in Montana. It is published by the Oxford University Press at \$1.50.

The second issue of this bulletin will be sponsored by the Havre Public Library.

News items from any Montana library will be welcomed by those who have assumed responsibility for future issues of this bulletin.

Once again we are nearing the annual "Book Week", which this year will be November 12-18. May we do our utmost to make it the best in the history of each individual library. For material write to "Children's Book Week" 62 West 45th Street, New York City.

The 500th Anniversary of the Invention of Printing, which by common consent has been fixed for 1940, will be celebrated in nation-wide observances. For the "Manual of Suggestions" write to Will Ranso Sec. 285 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Montana librarians attending the A.L.A. San Francisco conference were: Guinevere Crouch, Louise Fernald, Nina Ford, Mr. P. O. Keeney, Elsie Lundborg, Mabel Miller, Gladys Sibbert, Josephine Trigg, Emlyn Benson. One morning session was given over to the P.N.L.A. This meeting was held at Treasure Island. Mrs. G. S. Puckett, of the Spokane P. L. was elected president. Dues were raised to \$1.50 to meet the expenses of the Quarterly. Mrs. Mabel Miller is a member of the Membership Committee. She urges that dues be paid promptly to Hugh Morrow, Treas. Salem Public Library, Salem Oregon.

Miss Lalla Bedford, Supervisor of the State-wide Library Project, states that the requisition for a bookmobile has been approved. It is to be used in the Great Falls district. Miss Bedford hopes to get things well under way in 1940.

The new West Side Branch Library in Great Falls will soon be ready for occupancy. The Great Falls P. L. is busy cataloging books for same. Vera Hunt, of the Great Falls library staff, has resigned to attend college at the Montana State University. Ann Talcott is taking her place.

Parmlly - Billings P.L. reports the inauguration of an Adult Education Service to be handled from the new Reader's Librarian's desk. Miss Margaret Fulmer, Pres. M.S.L.A. asks for ideas or suggestions for the meeting to be held in Billings next spring.

Lucille Herian, formerly of the Stillwater County Library, is now on the staff of the Montana State College Library.

Mrs. E.Vera Janes, of the Phillips Co. Library, has resigned her position to become the bride of Mr. W. Proctor, Vancouver, Wash. Doris Palm, a student librarian, is in charge of the library at present.

Mary Alice McCullough, a graduate of the Montana State University, has been appointed Asst. Librarian of the Choteau Co. L. succeeding Belle Everett who was married in July to Mr. B. Robinson, Detroit, Michigan.

Bozeman P.L. reports the installation of new heating and air-conditioning systems, also new indirect lighting. Livingston has purchased Venetian blinds, adding much to the comfort of the patrons.

Mrs. May Chivers, of the Helena P.L. resigned her position Sept. 1st to take up her duties as a housewife.

In the July-Aug. issue the name Miss McDonnell should read Elizabeth McDonald, of the Butte P.L. (Comm. for the Revision of the Cert. bill).

Dorothy Phelps, Kalispell P.L. would like to have a "Helpful Hints" space in the Bulletin. She sent in the following: Paper-hanger's paste (25c a sack) is used in the Kalispell library to paste in the extra sheets of the daily papers. The local printer saves colored cardboard which is cut into short lengths, stamped with the name of the library and used for bookmarks.

This second issue of the Bulletin is sent out from the Havre P.L. We wish to thank M.S.L.A. members who responded so promptly when asked for items. The next issue will be sponsored by the Helena P.L. Send material for same to Mrs. Mabel Miller, Ln. May we all work for a larger membership in 1940.

"It is not so much what we do as HOW we do it."

"It is not so much what we say as HOW we say it."

November-December 1939

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No. 7

Book Week has just recently celebrated its 21st anniversary. The Helena High School Library, with its growing collection of books, decided it too, had "come of age", and thus chose Book Week to show the students and teachers the many fine books in use. Art and commercial students cooperated in making appropriate posters for which prizes were awarded. On Friday of Book Week, the library held open house for all English class students to browse through the various collections of books displayed. Parents and friends were invited to see the displays in the afternoon and have tea as guests of the library staff. So favorable was the student reaction, Elsie Lundborg, Librarian, hopes this plan can be continued another year.

Miss Dorothy Phelps of the Kalispell Public Library reports a buzzing juvenile Department during Book Week, with children arriving every hour. A book quiz was thoroughly enjoyed.

During Book Week 30 Public School classes, with teachers, visited the Havre Public Library. A total of 1029 visitors. Regular patrons were not counted.

A WPA Library project for Montana when first presented to the Montana State Library Association at their meeting in Glacier Park, September 1938, seemed to offer an opportunity to help provide a beginning library service to the 49% of Montana's residents now without such service. After six months' operations, Miss Margaret Palmer, President of M.S.L.A. announced, "the officers and the members of the Planning Committee of the Montana State Library Association, and Miss Lalla Bedford, Director-WPA State-Wide Library Project, met in Bozeman, November 5, 1939, to try to clarify by thorough discussion the situation now existing in the Project; the progress of the Project since its inauguration May 1939; and the reasons for the Montana State Library Association's Co-sponsorship. In six months' operation, the WPA State-Wide Library Project has failed to meet any of the requirements and has functioned chiefly as a political and work relief set-up.....therefore, the officers and members of the Planning Committee of the Montana State Library Association in meeting November 5, took the following action, "That this meeting go on record in asking the State Library Extension Commission Board to withdraw its sponsorship of the WPA State-Wide Library Project, and that the Montana State Library Association withdraw its co-sponsorship of the Project." "The motion was carried."

Miss Lucille Grove of the Kalispell Public Library and Treasurer of the M.S.L.A., spoke in word that Association dues will be most acceptable.

Miss Ellen Torgrimson, Librarian of the Choteau County Library at Fort Benton, sends in the following request: "If any library in the state has a copy of the pamphlet INDIAN MUSIC, by Roberta Campbell Lawson, I should appreciate borrowing it for a short time. The Women's Club here wants to use it for a program on Indian Music. I promise it will be well taken care of. The Club would be willing to buy the pamphlet if an extra copy is available. It is out of print, however, and rather scarce."

Edlyn Benson, (Havre Public Library) who is chairman of Library Service for the Montana Federation of Women's clubs, has an article in the December issue of the "Montana Woman" on Federal Aid for libraries, the Bill of Rights and other library items.

Miss Geneva Cook of the Bozeman Public Library announces the installation of indirect lighting for her children's room.

Ruth Soltzer of the Butte Public Library reports a busy season in her library.

Miss Clara Main of the Carnegie Public Library at Lewistown reports she is pleased with the use made of her library service by the C.C.C. boys and N.Y.A. girls, the former being an exceptional group.

Miss Helen Goss succeeded Elza Huifman, resigned at Montana State College this fall, with her appointment as library assistant. She spent her first college year at Intermountain, the next two at the State University and her last year at the University of Minnesota Library School from which she graduated last June.

Miss Louise Fernald of the Great Falls Public Library reports: "For a week before Christmas and on to Twelfth Night the Children's room carries out all phases of the Christmas spirit. The room is decorated with wreaths and boughs and a huge tree with hundreds of lights is placed in the center of the room. Posters and Christmas books are also displayed. Last year Mr. Earl Heikka gave us a beautiful croche which has attracted great attention. The children bring their parents and friends to see it and stand around it all day long."

Miss Elsie Baldwin has for the past six weeks been employed in making a survey of early American imprints in the Great Falls Public Library. This is a W.P.A. project undertaken for the Historical Record Survey.

Miss Clara Bower, employed in making a survey of Montana churches, has been given office space in the Helena Public Library, where she has immediate access to records and files. This is also a W.P.A. project sponsored by the Montana State College at Bozeman.

The Missoula Public Library offers this suggestion for the "Helpful Hints" space: Booklets of holiday material made with covers of distinctive colors--red for Christmas, orange for Halloween, etc.--are much more easily sorted when materials for any special holiday is to be segregated. This plan has proved its worth as a time saver."

A book list request by the County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Margaret Hayes, has recently been prepared by the Missoula County Free Library. This is a basic list for grade school pupils, covering grades one through nine. Mrs. Hayes plans to use it throughout the schools of the county as a guide to pupils' outside reading.

Another new book written and illustrated by Grace and Olive Barnett of Missoula is listed by Lothrop at \$1.50---"They Hunted High and Low."

Perhaps it is not generally known to Montana Librarians that Clarence Streit, author of "Union Now", is a Montanan, a graduate of the State University, and formerly a resident of Missoula. "Union Now" is gaining a world-wide audience and will probably take its place as one of the important books of the year.

Caxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho have recently published "Northern Lights to Fields of Gold", an autobiography by Stanley Secor of Bonan.

The Broadwater County Library has added another branch to its library service. Toston has given a room in the school building. Mr. Ted Stevens is in charge. The one worry of the Broadwater people is that they are outgrowing their space in the court house. It is surprising how books accumulate and quickly shelves fill up. Mrs. Susan Freund, head of the Women and Professional Projects in Montana has expressed her pleasure and satisfaction in the work of the Townsend library under the direction of Mary Schreiner.

Miss McCullough, University of Montana library school graduate has accepted assistant librarianship at Fort Benton. She is from Eureka.

Daughters came this summer to the home of Willetta Bryan Mutsen and Margaret Parsons Dobrinz, former staff members of the University Library at Montana University. A daughter was born recently to May Chivers of the Helena Public Library staff.

Any knowledge of librarians newly appointed and names not appearing in our present list should be sent to Mrs. Garber (Parmy Billings Memorial Library) or to Doris E. Wilson, (Montana State College Library at Bozeman.)

Mabel T. Miller, member of the P.N.L.A. membership committee urges all members to renew their memberships to the P.N.L.A. and non-members to consider memberships in this stimulating association. Dues of \$1.50 are payable to Hugh Morrow, Salem Public Library, Salem, Oregon.

Mabel T. Miller (Helena Public Library) has a new copy of the 1931 edition (latest edition printed) of Severance "Guide to Periodicals" which she wishes to sell for \$3.00.

NOTICE: The American Library Association has requested that it be placed on the mailing list for two copies of all future issues of the M.S.L.A. Bulletin. Each sponsor will kindly take care of this request.

The A.L.A. Mid-winter meeting will be held in Chicago, December 27-30. Anyone from Montana, planning to attend will please get in touch with Mr. Carl Milan, Sec'y. A.L.A.

Miss Margaret Fulmer, President of the Montana Library Association, announces the meeting of the M.S.L.A. will be in Billings, May 20 and 21.

One suggestion sent to the "publishers" of the this issue of the M.S.L.A. Bulletin, was worded to the effect that "the names of paid members should be furnished to the library publishing each issue of the bulletin.. although, this bulletin should not be sent to paid members only, they should certainly receive a copy also."

Mrs. Ashton of the Ft. Harrison Library, is interested in the extension of library service to city and county hospitals.

Will you help to encourage more staff members to belong to our State Library Association?

This third issue of the bulletin has been sent out by the Helena Public Library. We are indeed grateful and happy for those new items which were sent in so promptly and graciously.

"Let's dance and sing and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

-Macfarren,

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Eleven students are enrolled in the Library Economy course at the State University this year - the largest class in many years. Four of these will receive their degrees in June: Patricia Gibbons, Eureka; Nelle Maxey, Missoula; Olive Brain, Billings; and Gwendolyn Benson, Sidney. The Missoula City and County Library and the Missoula County High School Library are cooperating with the University in arranging practice work for these students.

A course for school librarians will be given during the first six weeks of Summer School at Montana University. Three credits are given for this course, which includes Administration of School Libraries, Selection of Books, and Simplified Cataloging and Classification.

New members reported by Lucille Grove, M.S.L.A. Treasurer, are:

Zoe Baur, Stillwater County Library, Columbus
 Mary Alice McCullough, Chouteau County Library, Fort Benton
 Virginia Sanders, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings
 Edith Fox, Broadwater County Library, Townsend
 Helen Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman

Miss Grove says she is pleased with the fine response to the call for dues in the last bulletin. Let's keep on helping the Association grow.

The P.N.L.A. Quarterly lists Helen Goss, Mary Alice McCullough, Virginia Sanders, and Lalla Bedford as new Montana members. Miss Bedford is supervisor of the statewide W.P.A. Library Project with headquarters at Butte.

Montana members serving on P.N.L.A. committees are:

M. Catherine White, University Library - Necrology Committee
 M. Winnifred Feighner, State College Library - Pacific
 Northwest Bibliography
 Guinevere E. Crouch, School of Mines Library - Personnel &
 Standards Committee
 Ellen Torgrimson, Chouteau County Library - Publications
 Committee
 Mrs. Lois B. Payson, State College Library - Committee on
 Reorganization of A.L.A.
 Margaret Fulmer, Billings - Committee on Reorganization of P.N.L.A.

As a member of the Publications Committee, Miss Torgrimson wishes to announce that she will welcome news items, articles, or advertising for publication in the Quarterly.

Dates for the 31st Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association have been set for June 13-15. The conference will be held this year at Timberline Lodge at the Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon. Why not combine a delightful vacation trip with attendance at this conference?

Miss Fulmer wishes to announce again that the M.S.L.A. meeting will be held at Billings May 20-21. Definite program plans will be outlined in the next issue of this bulletin, which will be edited by Miss Fulmer. Send all news items to her early in April.

A.L.A. will meet at Cincinnati, May 26 to June 1. A County and Regional Library Institute will be held May 24 to 26, in connection with and just prior to the A.L.A. Conference. Since attendance must be limited to 150 and advance registration is required, applications should be sent in early. Blanks may be obtained from A.L.A. headquarters in Chicago.

Marion LeMoyné Leeper, teacher of English in the Northern Montana College at Havre has just had a delightful volume of poems published by Dorrance & Company. Once Heaven Was Music is the title of the book.

Mary Almas of Havre is attending the University of Minnesota, taking graduate work. Miss Almas graduated from the library school at Minnesota in 1938. She substituted at the Montana State University Library during the spring quarter last year while Miss Speer was on leave because of illness.

Lists of books, pamphlets, and articles on Democracy and other pertinent subjects are posted from time to time on a bulletin board in the Havre Public Library. This service is proving to be very popular with the reading public.

Big Horn County Library at Harding had a very busy year in 1939, with a circulation of 46,846 - a gain of 13,737 over 1938. New borrowers registered during the year numbered 470. Mrs. Christiansen, County Librarian, visited nearly all the schools in the county during the fall months. The results of these visits are very gratifying.

Two W.P.A. library branches were recently established in Big Horn County - at Wyola and Lodge Grass. Books are supplied by the county library. Considerable interest is being shown in both these branches. A large number of borrowers have been registered and many books are already in circulation.

Mrs. M.G. Burlingame of Bozeman spent three months during the fall in Davenport, Iowa. She was called there by the death of her mother and stayed for an extended visit with her father.

Friends in Bozeman received an interesting letter from Mrs. Lois B. Payson, who is spending a year in Mexico, on leave from the State College Library. She has been living with an aristocratic family in Mexico City and is studying Mexican life and customs at first hand. She has enjoyed the scenery and has witnessed some bull fights, in the course of which her sympathies swerved from the bull to the toreador. Mrs. Payson is a botanist and plans to collect some specimens before returning to the States.

The Chouteau County Library is in the throes of redecoration. The work is being done by W.P.A. workers.

Three W.P.A. workers are now employed at the Helena Public Library. One is making a survey of all early American imprints in the library, another is labelling classification numbers on all non-fiction, and the third is making a survey of all churches in Montana.

Saturday Story Hours are being featured in the Helena Public Library during the winter.

Miss Mary A. Botten has resigned her position as Sheridan County Librarian to accept a position as cataloger in the Public Library at Wausaw, Wisconsin. She left Plentywood December 23 and spent the holidays with her parents at New Rockford, N.D. Mr. M.J. Bodahl has been appointed County Librarian. He has had a number of years of experience in Sheridan and Roosevelt county schools. As an economy move the library will be open only afternoons in the future.

Mrs. Philip O. Keeney reports that she and Mr. Keeney are now in Washington, D.C., "while he is both recuperating in the milder climate here and doing some research at the Library of Congress."

Mrs. F.F. Bossuot, a member of the Havre Library Board, spent some time in Washington, D.C. during January, attending an official meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of which she is a trustee. She also attended the White House Conference on Children.

Mrs. Miller writes, "May I request that you add the name of ^{one of} my very interested Board members to the mailing list for the M.S.L.A. bulletin:

Mr. W.W. Casper, 808 Eighth Avenue, Helena? He wishes to have a complete file of the bulletin - and has, to date." Such interest on the part of a Board member is surely gratifying.

A news item in the Great Falls Tribune hails Doris I. Palm as the youngest librarian in the state. She has been appointed custodian of the Phillips County Library at Malta, succeeding Mrs. Vera Janes who resigned in August 1939.

A new library has been opened at Dutton under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

A special meeting of the M.S.L.A. Executive Board and Planning Committee was called at Bozeman, February 6, at the request of Gordon T. Paxon, Acting Director of the Professional and Service Division of W.F.A., to confer on the statewide W.P.A. Library Project. Librarians attending were Margaret Fulmer, M. Winnifred Feighner, Mrs. M.C. Burlingame, Elizabeth Garber, and Ellen Torgrimson. W.P.A. representatives were Mr. Paxon, Arnold L. Olsen, Lalla Bedford, Mary H. Isham, and Howard Martin. Mr. Paxon's purpose in calling the meeting was to explain plans for operation of the project and try to win back the support of the M.S.L.A., which had withdrawn its co-sponsorship in November by action of the Executive Board and Planning Committee. No official action was taken by the librarians on February 6, but all were favorably impressed by the prospectus as outlined by Mr. Olsen. The program is to get under way very soon in the Great Falls area with a Bookmobile for rural service. A drive to secure 35,000 new books before July 1 to equip the Bookmobiles will soon be launched under Miss Bedford's direction. Watch the papers for publicity on the project's development.

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No. 5

THE 28th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION will be held in Billings May 20 and 21. The Association, the Board of Trustees of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, librarians in Billings, and the city of Billings extend a most cordial invitation to all Montana librarians, including staff members, to trustees, and to friends-of-libraries to attend the meeting.

THE OBJECTIVE of this year's meeting of the Association is to prepare needed library legislation for the 1941 session of the Montana State Legislature, to consider other matters relative to individual libraries and state-wide library service; to strengthen the Association through an increased membership and participation among Montana librarians; to interest and inform trustees on library matters and needs; and to promote and direct the organization of friends-of-libraries groups throughout the state.

The Executive Board of the Association in conferences held November 5, 1939 and February 6, 1940 in Bozeman, outlined the following:

PROGRAM

May 19 Sunday evening

- 6 P.M. Dutch treat supper at Q's Coffee Shop of as many librarians who have arrived during the day. The Parmly Billings Memorial Library will be open Sunday 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

Executive Board meeting

May 20

- 9 A.M. Registration Parmly Billings Memorial Library (No registration fee. Pay MSLA dues at this time)

- 10 A.M. Meeting to order
 Welcome - The Honorable Charlie T. Trott, Mayor
 Mr. I. D. O'Donnell, President, Board of Trustees, PBML
 Minutes 27th annual meeting, Helena, June 1939
 Treasurer's report
 President's report
 Other reports:
 MSLA, PNLA, ALA memberships
 ALA reports on Adult Education, Bill of Rights, The Library 1940, Classification and pay plans, Code of Ethics.
 Library cooperation with the Home Demonstration Clubs - Miss Margaret Conlon, Yellowstone County Home Demonstration Agent
 Appointment of committees
 Nominating
 Resolutions
 Announcements

- 12.30 Lunch - Northern Hotel 65¢
 Mrs. Emlyn Benson, presiding

- 2-4 P.M. Book Selection Round Table
 Miss Ruth A. Eismann, Chairman
 Participating: College, high school, public and children's librarian
 Discussing: Aids - old and new; criterion - quantity or quality; propaganda and censorship; weeding and replacements; inventories; inexpensive editions, etc.

It is necessary to have reservations for the banquet and lunches by May 15. Will you please drop a card to the PBML to let us know you are coming?

6:30 P.M. Banquet - Billings Club
Board of Trustees, PBML, hosts
Presiding - Mr. I. D. O'Donnell
Guest speaker - Dr. R. R. Renne, Department
of Agricultural Economics, Montana State
College, Bozeman - "Equalization of edu-
cational opportunities through changes
in methods of supporting and operating
public schools and libraries."

10 P.M. Dancing

May 21

9 A.M. Business meeting - PBML
Minutes
Bills
Report and plans of the Planning Committee
1940-41 - Miss Nina Ford, presiding
Minutes and letters concerning action
taken November 5, 1939, February 6, and
April 25, 1940; Proposed budget for SLEC;
Federal aid.
Certification - Miss Winnifred Feighner
WPA State-Wide Library Project.
Unfinished business
New business
Resolutions
Election of officers
Adjournment

12 noon Friends-of-Libraries lunch - Commercial Club
jointly with the Billings Kiwanis Club,
Mrs. Elizabeth Garber, presiding; greetings
from friends and trustees
Guest speaker - Dr. G. H. Van de Bogart
State Library Extension Commission Board

2 P.M. Unfinished business - PBML

3:30 P.M. Tea - "Green Room" - Normal School
Will James, guest of honor

SINCE THE ASSOCIATION HAS ONLY TWO DAY MEETINGS AND THIS ONE
preceeds a legislative year, it seemed best to plan the meeting
as a unit and not divide into section meetings. However, if any
are interested to hold section meetings this may be indicated upon
registration. Or write in advance to Miss Doris Wilson, Assistant
Librarian, Montana State College Library, Bozeman.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL THOSE ON THE PROGRAM HAVE A COPY OF
TALK ready to file with the secretary at the close of the meeting.
Such will be used for future issues of the MSLA Bulletin and
perhaps the PNLA Quarterly, Wilson Bulletin, Library Journal, and
A.L.A. Bulletin.

EXHIBITS will include Hertzberg and Dieter binderies; supplies
and mending materials from Gaylord Bros., Inc; new books from the
Puget Sound News Agency; reprints and inexpensive editions from
Chapple's Inc., Billings; the 500th anniversary of printing - The
Billings Gazette; and an A.L.A. exhibit.

RADIO BROADCASTS for a trustee and for a regional library dis-
cussion are being arranged. Definite schedule will be made by May
10. If you would like definite date and time, write the PBML. Did
you hear Musical Americana over NBC Thursday evening, March 21?
Deems Taylor read a tribute to libraries in America. Thursday
evening May 30, George V. Denny will conduct a town meeting of the
air from the A.L.A. Conference, Cincinnati, on "Should Libraries
Censor Books?"

HOTEL RATES Northern Hotel, \$1.50 to \$3.00; Grand Hotel \$1.50
to \$5.00; Lincoln Hotel \$1.50 to \$3.00. These rates are subject
to with or without bath and to the number in a room. Please write
direct to the hotels for details and reservations.

REMEMBER TO GIVE YOUR LOCAL PAPER NEWS ITEMS ABOUT THE MSLA MEETING as gathered from the program in this bulletin. Please send to the PBML some of your interesting posters and newspaper publicity for exhibit purposes during the meeting.

MONTANA LIBRARIES & LIBRARIANS

THE NEW \$200,000 LIBRARY AND MUSEUM BUILDING, MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES, Butte, was dedicated at 8 P.M., March 27, 1940, with appropriate ceremony. Miss Guinevere Crouch, Ln., will send anyone interested a descriptive leaflet of the program and the new library and museum.

MR. PHILIP O. KEENEY RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS LIBRARIAN, MONTANA State University Library April 1. Mr. Keeney is at present doing some research and writing in the Library of Congress. "Social Content in Library Training" by Philip O. Keeney and Mary Jane Keeney was published in the Wilson Bulletin February and March 1940.

MISS WINNIFRED FEIGNER FLEW TO SEATTLE FOR A MEETING APRIL 8 of the Committee on Northwest Bibliography.

MISS ELLEN TORGRIMSON AND MISS ELIZABETH HAMMETT, MONTANA '36 and now librarian, Big Horn County Library, Basin, Wyoming, will attend the County Library Institute and the A.L.A. meeting in Cincinnati May 26th to June 1st.

MISS ALICE McCLAIN, COLUMBUS, FORMER STUDENT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, B. A. University of Iowa 1939, will be graduated from the School of Library Science, University of Denver, in June.

MISS FLORENA GRAY, FOR SEVERAL YEARS A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT STAFF, Missoula County and City Libraries, has been appointed to a position on the regular staff.

MISS MARTHA G. AVERILL, MONTANA '36 AND PRATT '36, HAS BEEN appointed to the staff of The Library Journal. Miss Averill was formerly with the Standard Brands Library, New York City.

BEGINNING WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1940, ALL CIRCULATION statistics of the Missoula City and County Libraries will conform strictly to ALA standards. There has been only a slight deviation heretofore and this step is taken as a means of standardizing records for purposes of comparison with other libraries which follow ALA procedure.

IS YOUR LIBRARY RECEIVING BOOK LIFE, PUBLISHED AND SENT FREE to libraries by the Library Binding Institute, New York, N. Y.?

WHAT'S YOUR MSLA I Q ?

Why does Montana need a functioning State Library Extension Commission with an adequate appropriation and a trained librarian as executive secretary?

Why should the MSLA be concerned about the appointment of the new Montana State University librarian and the election of a new Superintendent of Public Instruction?

Why do Montana librarians need certification? Response to voluntary certification among Montana librarians is encouraging, Write Miss Nina Ford, Missoula Public Library, for your blank.

What two laws make possible rural library development in Montana?

Do you have a state-wide point of view by being an active and interested member of the MSLA? A regional-wide point of view by being a member of PNLA? A nation-wide point of view by being a member of ALA?

Do you cooperate with these library associations by answering their correspondence promptly and by supplying needed information and statistics for your library? Read "Statistics - Their Collection" by L. R. Etzkorn, ALA Bulletin, April 1940.

Through the presidents of their State associations, librarians in North Dakota and Wyoming have been invited to attend the MSLA meeting, Billings, May 20 and 21.

1940 Meeting Billings, May 20-21



Montana State College at Bozeman greets you with the first issue of volume 2 of our MSLA Bulletin. In our effort to share as much as possible of the splendid meeting at Billings with all association members over the state, it has been necessary to edit the minutes and reports more freely than we wished. You may know that we consider every word in this bulletin of vital interest to every librarian in Montana.

MINUTES OF THE 27TH ANNUAL MEETING OF MSLA

The 27th annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association was called to order by Margaret Fulmer, President, on Monday, May 20, at 10 A.M., at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library in Billings.

The association was welcomed by the Honorable Charlie T. Trott, Mayor of Billings, and by I. D. O'Donnell, President of the Board of Trustees of the Billings Library.

The minutes of the 26th annual meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Treasurer (see p. 3) and the President (see p. 2) were read and approved. Miss Margaret Conlon, Yellowstone County Home Demonstration Agent, discussed "Library Cooperation with Home Demonstration Clubs".

Following Dorothy Huston's report on state adult education committees (see p. 6), the association voted to form an adult education committee within the MSLA. "The Library's Bill of Rights" was adopted as read by Gladys Sibbert Cutter. "The Library 1940" was presented by Barbara Lindwedel and adopted as the association's policy. Helen Fitzpatrick introduced "The Code of Ethics" as a basis for professional approach and conduct. The code was adopted by the association. Virginia Sanders read Guinivere Crouch's report on "Classification and Pay Plans" (see p. 7).

Nominating and Resolutions Committees were announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, May 21, 9 A.M.

The meeting was called to order.

Unpaid bills were introduced and accepted for payment as follows:

Hotel expenses of Edith Gantt in Helena	\$7.00
Expenses of the Planning Committee	5.86
Public stenographer for special meeting in Bozeman, Nov. 5, 1939	2.50
	<u>\$15.36</u>

The association voted that the traveling expenses of Dr. Renne be honored when presented. The motion was adopted that the new treasurer be instructed to pay as much of the bill owed to the Parmly Billings Memorial Library as possible, after current bills had been paid.

The following reports were made and accepted:

Nina Ford	Planning Committee (see p. 4)
Geneva Cook	Certification Committee (see p. 4)
Elizabeth Garber	WPA State-wide Library Project (see p. 6)
Nina Ford	Federal Aid

A motion was adopted providing for the appointment of the Certification Committee with the authority to work with the officers in framing a certification bill to be presented to the next state legislature.

A proposed budget for the State Library Extension Commission (see p. 4) was introduced by Nina Ford. This budget, totaling \$7,100 a year, was adopted as read and referred to the Planning Committee for presentation at the legislature.

Doris Wilson read the minutes of the special meeting in Bozeman, November 5, 1939. Miss Fulmer read various letters concerning action taken in regard to the WPA State-wide Library Project. It was voted that the meeting endorse the action of the committee in withdrawing the association's co-sponsorship of the WPA Library Project and in recommending that the State Library Extension Commission withdraw its sponsorship of that project.

An expression of confidence was given Mrs. Garber in her work as Supervisor in District 5 of the WPA State-wide Library Project.

* Copies of these are obtainable free from American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The election of new officers was as follows:

President	Mrs. McEwen
Vice President	Clara Main
Secretary	Lucille Herian
Treasurer	Dorothy Huston

Taking action on the report of the Resolutions Committee, the association expressed its appreciation to all responsible for the many courtesies extended to MSLA members during the conference at Billings.

Invitations were extended from both Kalispell and Miles City to hold the next meeting in their respective cities. The latter was accepted for the 1941 conference.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, May 21, 2 P.M.

The meeting was called to order.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Vande Bogart.

Winona Adams asked that the Montana State College Library be allowed to publish the next MSLA Bulletin in July.

The meeting was turned over to the new president, who appointed the following committee chairmen:

Nina Ford	Planning Committee
Margaret Fulmer	Adult Education Committee
Winnifred Feighner	Certification Committee
Emlyn Benson	Historian
Elizabeth Garber	Corresponding Secretary

Miss Ford appointed the members of the Planning Committee.

The motion was carried that the association ask for voluntary contributions from all librarians in the state for the purpose of financing the 1941 legislative campaign, that we make a drive for 1940/41 dues from all librarians listed in the association directory, and that the Treasurer, who has been instructed to send notices of unpaid 1940/41 dues, be made chairman of the Membership Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Doris Wilson, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 1939 to May 20, 1940

Three meetings of the Executive Board have been held during the year, November 5, 1939, and February 6, 1940, in Bozeman, and May 19, 1940, in Billings. The meetings of November 5 and February 6 were called to consider the status of the WPA State-wide Library Project...

A brief chronological report of the President's correspondence will comprise this report. The correspondence file is open to examination by any librarian or trustee.

October 31, a letter and suggested proclamation for official state-wide recognition of Book Week, Nov. 12-19, was sent to the Governor. No answer. Suggest the new president try again for Book Week 1940...

We have some interesting correspondence concerning the Blackfeet Indian Library, which received radio publicity in February from Joseph Henry Jackson during Bookman's Notebook broadcasts. This correspondence will be turned over to the chairman of the Planning Committee.

Inquiries have been received during the year for statistical information on Montana libraries and state-wide library service. In answering each inquiry we were aware of the inaccurate and incomplete figures for Montana. Information was sent to John Mackenzie Cory, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. And we have at hand H. E. Helmrich's master's essay "Relationship of State Universities and Land-grant Colleges in the Pacific Northwest to State-wide Library Service", loaned to this meeting by the Library, Columbia University. Figures for Montana are incorporated in this report.

An inquiry from the Social Work Laboratory, Sociology Department, Montana State College, for data concerning outstanding state-wide organizations in Montana remains to be answered. This report shows the need for an historian for the MSLA.

The information on Montana in John S. Richard's article in the April 1940 issue of PNLA Quarterly on Library action in the Pacific Northwest was supplied by Miss Nina Ford, Chairman, Planning Committee.

Several important letters have been received from the ALA which will be brought out in ALA reports... Miss Ellen Torgrimson will represent MSLA at the ALA Council meetings, Cincinnati.

Correspondence from Miss Edith Gantt, Specialist, Public Libraries, U. S. Office of Education, concerning regional library development in Montana has been referred to the chairman of the Planning Committee and to the Department of Agricultural Economics, Montana State College.

As president of the Montana State Library Association, it has been my privilege to represent the Association on two committees: Home Economics in Education through Libraries, of which Miss Frances Smith, Home Demonstration Leader, Montana State College, is chairman; and on the Advisory Committee of the Maternal and Child Health Division of the Montana State Board of Health... I want to suggest that the MSLA make its cooperation with the Montana State Board of Health one of adult education...to make available to laymen information on public, family, and personal health.

In conclusion I should like to make the following recommendations:

- That concerted effort of each member of the MSLA be made to strengthen the Association through an increased membership and participation among Montana librarians.
- That each librarian make greater effort to interest and inform trustees on library matters and needs - not only of her own library, but state-wide needs.
- That each librarian take the initiative or cooperate actively in promoting and directing the organization of friends-of-libraries groups.
- That each librarian raise her MSLA I.Q. during the coming year and cooperate unflinchingly with the President, chairman of the Planning Committee and the legislative committee by answering correspondence promptly, supplying needed information, and by taking action in her own community.
- Lastly, that the Association purchase a file, a gavel, and a Robert's Rules of Order for the future presidents of the Association, and that an historian be appointed.

Margaret Fulmer, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Balance forward from Miss Sestak	\$55.04
Dues collected from members	36.05
Total	\$91.09

Expenditures:

Telegrams to Montana senators about appointment of Archibald MacLeish as Librarian of Congress	\$ 1.59
Exchange on checks and cost of drafts	.30
Draft to Miss Fulmer, payment on bill presented on behalf of PEML for legislative expenses	50.00
ALA membership	5.00
Total	\$56.89

BALANCE ON HAND, May 1940 \$34.20

Lucille Grove, Treasurer

At the Billings meeting, MSLA created the Membership Committee under the chairmanship of the association's Treasurer, who is Dorothy Huston of Billings. The purpose of this committee is increased membership in MSLA. Such an increase, the association feels, will bring greater benefits to MSLA, to Montana librarianship as a profession, and to the individual librarians, now so widely separated throughout the state.

Under the leadership of Miss Huston, the state is being divided into districts. Each district will be represented on the Membership Committee by a librarian from within that territory. It will be the responsibility of that committeewoman to contact all prospective members in her district. We hope that you will have considered this opportunity and will be ready to join us when the committeewoman in your district contacts you. If you wish to become a member of MSLA before that time, you may send your dues to Dorothy Huston, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings. Dues for a full year's membership in MSLA is just one dollar.

This is a particularly important year in the history of MSLA, for we are making the greatest possible effort to have passed in the state legislature two bills, for the certification of librarians in Montana and for expansion of the State Library Extension Commission. We need the active cooperation of every Montana librarian. The rewards from these measures will be yours.

Since this was not a legislative year the work of the Planning Committee has been largely educational in purpose...

Your chairman spoke to representatives of the Federated Women's Clubs of Missoula County, outlining the aims of our association...

A letter was sent to the chairman of the Library Service Committee of the Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers listing the needs of the state as seen by librarians.... No reply was received...

On request from M. John S. Richards of the University of Washington Library for material for the Pacific Northwest Library Association Bulletin regarding Montana's plans for action during the coming year, the following items were listed:

1. Legislation to enlarge the State Library Extension Commission and make mandatory the appointment of county and public librarians as the added members..
2. An appropriation for this commission to enable it to function as intended.
3. Working toward a certification law, and until such time as this is passed promoting the voluntary certification of librarians.
4. Publicizing the provisions of our new regional law in the hope that it may provide the way to library service in counties of low taxable value.
5. Broadening the Montana State Library Association by promoting meetings of different interest groups at the state meeting.
6. Issuing a bi-monthly bulletin in the interest of a stronger state library association and a larger and better informed membership.
7. Trying to interest the Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers in our program through their library committee.

In the promotion of our voluntary certification plan 105 blanks for listing credentials were sent out to 34 libraries and to the students in the library school at the State University. Sixty-five of these have been returned properly filled in. Some libraries received more blanks than they needed, so those returned indicate a good majority of librarians in favor of certification.

Nina Ford, Chairman

AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:

There is hereby appropriated for the operation, maintenance and expenses of the Montana State Library Extension Commission, the following:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940	
Salary of the Secretary-Librarian	\$2,700.00
Wages of clerical help	1,500.00
Traveling expenses	1,200.00
Office equipment	1,000.00
Office expenses	700.00
Total	\$7,100.00

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Since it has not seemed feasible to revamp the Certification Bill as it now stands, we wish to present the recommendations which have been made by the members of this committee.

Our first opinion; that the number of persons on the State Library Extension Commission be increased from three as now permitted, to at least five; that these persons be a librarian from a public library, and a librarian from a county library; the manner of appointment to be considered later.

This opinion is formed as of first importance because the Certification Bill as it now stands reads: "An act relating to the certification of librarians in the state of Montana and providing that the library extension commission, the secretary of the commission, and a librarian appointed by the governor shall have authority to grant certificates to librarians after examination...." To date there has

been no secretary of the commission although such appointment could no doubt be made under the provision in the law pertaining to the commission which, captioned "Employment of secretary and assistants" states that, "The state library extension commission may elect one of its own members to carry out the purposes of the board, in the event of a lack of funds to employ a regular secretary." From this it would appear that, if there were funds, a secretary could be employed, but she would not necessarily be a librarian and if so, she would not be particularly fitted to pass upon certification. The "librarian appointed by the governor" is also a non-existent person at this time. Therefore, in order to make the caption of the bill read true, appointment of these persons must be made possible.

The committee suggests the following changes in the personnel of the State Library Extension Commission as it is provided for at present:

A commission composed of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as now on the board.

One librarian from the faculty of one of the component institutions of the University of Montana. That would change it from the definite State University to make it more general.

One citizen appointed by the Governor. He could be specified as:

Some one in the state whom the Governor might want to honor and who would bring a new viewpoint to the board, or

A county commissioner because there are going to be more and more county libraries in Montana, or

The State Treasurer since the funds are deposited with him, or

A member of the Montana State Federation of Women's Clubs. This would represent a large group of Montana people who would be interested in libraries and could help with suggestions.

Our second point: The function of the commission as described in Section 1 of the present bill duplicates authority already included in the present Library Extension Commission law, for the law reads: "The state library extension commission is the state board of library examiners, and shall perform all the duties of the said board as provided in section 4565." Section 4565 declares: "Any person who is a graduate of a library school, or has had two years' practical experience in a library of not less than three thousand volumes, shall be eligible to the office of county librarian; provided, that, from and after the creation and organization of a state board of library examiners no person shall be eligible to the office of county librarian, unless prior to his appointment, he has received from said board of library examiners a certificate of qualifications for the office." We therefore suggest the elimination of Section 1 of the Certification Bill. If Section 1 is retained, we feel that these changes should be made in the wording: In sentence 1, "...and one trained librarian of a public library in Montana appointed by the Governor, which is empowered to act as certification board for librarians shall have authority to establish rules and regulations for its own procedure..." omit "which" and insert the word "and" after "librarians" and before "shall".

Sections 2-7 are clear statements as to qualifications necessary and other matters which will help the commission in making decisions as to certification. No changes are recommended except: In Section 2, sentence 1, "The Board shall grant librarians' certificates without examination to applicants who are graduates..." use the word "commission" instead of "board" and change the word "librarians" to read "professional" or omit the word "librarians" entirely.

There is a graduated scale for applicants who desire civil service library positions. Experience and years of college balance library training. We feel that it is fair to have various grades of certificates as the Iowa plan calls for, but think it makes a bill more complicated, and therefore harder to pass. Some of the states take care of graded certificates, others make no mention of the necessary distinguishing features. One committee member states: "Since re-reading the Library Extension Commission law, I have come to the conclusion that the grade of the certificate might have been covered with the provision in the first section which says, 'The State Library Extension Commission, the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and one trained librarian of a public library...shall have authority to establish rules and regulations for their own procedure'".

As a last matter: We appreciate the beginning which has been made in the way of volunteer certification in the state with the prompt response given to Miss Ford's request for the filling of blanks with the information required. This response is proof of the interest Montana librarians are showing and provides a record which will form a basis for the entire certification problem.

REPORT ON THE WPA STATE-WIDE LIBRARY PROJECT

When I became Supervisor of District 5 of the WPA State-wide Project in July 1939, simple instructions from the Director, Professional and Service Division, WPA,...were all I received.

Everywhere I met eager response to the idea of "new books and the bookmobile" and a willingness to assist in the organizing of Friends-of-Libraries groups who would help in the local collection of publications to be added to the new books furnished by the government, to help raise money to carry on the work at the end of the government demonstration, and to aid in trying to secure funds for the State Library Extension Commission. Practically all groups, library boards, and librarians spoke of not being interested if the books were to be of the type recently distributed through government agencies.

After two months a State-wide Library Project conference was held at Butte, when inconsistencies, contradictions, and evidences the project was to be district-wide instead of state-wide became apparent.

My knowledge of the great need for the development of rural library service and my hope that increasing obstacles might be hurdled prompted me to continue contacts, to find that at the end of a trip, in less than three months, I was temporarily off the project. Twenty days in all. With no change in the status of my district, I was back again.

The request of the Director of the State-wide Project to back her and protest the appointment of a "political appointee" to a technical position, together with gathering evidences of unbusinesslike procedure brought about the meeting of the Executive Board of the Montana State Library Association and the State Planning Committee at Bozeman, Nov. 5, and their subsequent action to ask the State Library Extension Commission to withdraw its sponsorship of the project.

Awaiting this action I continued my contacts except where established projects were purely mending ones, which had no possible connection with the development of rural library service.

In early December at Salt Lake City was held a conference of WPA directors from which conference, in the shape of a study outline, came the disconcerting news that few of the promises of the Project Proposal were now possible, and with this my faith in the ultimate goal of the project was lost. How could this "off again, on again, gone again" plan ever bring to fruition our hoped for demonstration?

The fact that several months that should have been devoted to my zone had been taken up, at the request of the State Supervisor, State-wide Library Project, with the preparation of material to be used in making a state handbook, 2 sets of WPA and library report forms, and a Unit Lesson as outlined at the Salt Lake conference (which according to the Project Proposal was the work of the state office) together with the developments growing out of the Jan. 24 and Feb. 6 meetings with the head of the Professional and Service Division, prompted me to resign Feb. 19. After a silence of 8 weeks, I resigned again on April 6. Further details are unnecessary.

I have no apologies to offer, and I feel that no fair comparisons can be made of the work in my district with that of any other because, with all difficulties, considerable ground work has been laid for whatever turn the development of rural library service may take in this territory.

Contacts have been made with library and school boards, and groups of interested persons ranging in attendance from 5 to 60. I have seen or written to the presidents of all clubs in Billings, and many in Yellowstone County; and until the outcome became so questionable, I presented the project to many clubs of the city and county. From one short newspaper item on the project appearing in one local paper over 1600 books have been collected. There are on display here pictures and the story of a fine project that has been developed in Big Horn County where trained library supervision has been given.

I sincerely believe that those acquainted with the situation of the project in this district at the end of one year's operation will feel that I have kept faith with the librarians in trying to put over the rural library plan.

Elizabeth Garber

STATE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Adult Education Board of the American Library Association suggests these reasons why a state library association should have a committee on adult education.

First, such a committee has been found to be the most effective

approach to the small library in which the opportunities for adult education are great, but often undeveloped.

Second, the need for cooperative schemes in adult education work in libraries is increasingly apparent. The small library can not hope to serve its community adequately unless it can draw upon resources in addition to its own. The state adult education committee can help to promote such cooperative schemes as the pooling of resources among neighboring communities.

Third, the state adult education committee is expected to create as well as promote new developments. The Adult Education Board of the American Library Association feels that the adult education movement would spread rapidly in America if a few times every year in each state a committee of from six to twenty of the librarians most interested in adult education would meet for informal discussion to create more efficient methods of carrying out their work. For more efficient action the committee could designate subcommittees of from three to five to carry out special phases of the work.

Once the committee is formed here are a few of the specific things that it can do.

- It can promote institutes where librarians from small communities may come for the interpretation of the adult education movement.
- It can arrange exhibits at state meetings to display and distribute adult education literature and to show the effective work of the library in this field.
- It can set up consultation services at state meetings where librarians may interview members of the state adult education committee.
- It can arrange for the publication of articles which contain tangible suggestions for the promotion of the work.
- It can publicize the idea of the library as an agency for adult education.
- It can set up and promote among librarians the wide use of a lending collection of professional literature.
- It can stress the value of a traveling adult education specialist.
- It can negotiate cooperative schemes which will materially increase the resources of the cooperating libraries.
- Should federal aid to education become a reality, the committee can be alert to see that the library is included in grants made to adult education agencies.
- Finally, the state adult education committee can help the local library in forming adult education programs.

Dorothy Huston

CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLANS

Since the selection and retention of efficient courteous personnel is of primary importance to the library administration and to the citizens who use the library, it is essential that professional workers be given definite information as to the duties and responsibilities in this field, the minimum qualifications, and the promotional opportunities. To meet this need for definite information and uniform standards, the ALA Board on Salaries, Staff, and Tenure has drawn up Classification and Pay Plans for Municipal Public Libraries.

Perhaps a brief outline will refresh our memories as to what these plans cover. They are divided into three main sections: First, Classes of municipal public libraries, branches, departments, and divisions; second, standards of education, experience, and pay for personnel grades; and third, personnel specifications for public libraries.

Under classes of libraries eleven classes have been set up. Score cards have been prepared for each class by which the individual library may measure itself.

Under standards of education, experience, and pay the Board has set up grades for professional, subprofessional, and clerical services. Three statements are given under each grade; First, minimum qualifications including requirements for education and experience; second, recommended compensation; and third, typical positions.

Under personnel specifications for library positions, each specification includes a definition of the class of position, examples of typical tasks, and minimum qualifications and compensation.

The Board has drawn up Classification and Pay Plans for Municipal Public Libraries with the idea that each state would use these plans as a basis for drawing up its own classification and pay plans and certification scheme. It is in the adaptation of these plans to meet conditions in one's own community that the real value lies.

Dorothy Huston

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nina Ford, Missoula, Chairman
 Doris Wilson, Bozeman
 Ellen Torgrimson, Fort Benton
 Mrs. Sally Falkner, Miles City
 Elsie Lundborg, Helena
 Elizabeth McDonald, Butte

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 Ruth Sultzer, Butte, Butte District
 Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe, Kalispell, Kalispell District
 Mrs. Emlyn Benson, Havre, Havre District (appointment not yet accepted)
 Elsie Lundborg, Helena, Helena District (appointment not yet accepted)

Any Montana librarian who would like to serve on the MSLA Adult Education Committee please write to Margaret Fulmer, Chairman, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings, Montana.

MSLA asks Montana librarians to consider this situation: The association is facing a large and vital legislative program this year. Money to carry on this program is essential. Four of the present thirty-six MSLA members have made voluntary contributions. Could you?

It has been suggested that libraries make Book Week an occasion for a silver tea so that Friends-of-Libraries may add their bit to aid Montana Libraries in their attempt to widen their service to the state. Maybe you have a better plan. If you have, we hope you will use it as a means of supporting our 1941 legislative campaign.

Monday, May 20, not only began the business meetings of the MSLA, but also a series of delightful social events.

In fact, festivities began at 6 P.M. on Sunday with a Dutch treat supper at Q's Coffee Shop for all those guests who had arrived during the day.

Monday noon Mrs. Emlyn Benson presided charmingly at a luncheon at the Northern Hotel. This was followed by a round table discussion on book selection led by Ruth Eismann.

The conference guests regret that you were not all present to enjoy the lovely banquet given at the Billings Club Monday evening. A merry round of fun and dancing was highlighted by a fine discussion of "Equalization of Educational Opportunities through Changes in Methods of Supporting and Operating Public Schools and Libraries" by Dr. R. R. Renne of the Agricultural Economics Department of Montana State College, Bozeman.

We joined the Billings Kiwanis for a lively Friends-of-Libraries luncheon at the Commercial Club on Tuesday. Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart, member of the State Library Extension Commission, addressed the group on the subject of "Montana's Library Needs".

The convention concluded on Tuesday with an interesting and delightful fête at the Normal School. Following a tea in the Green Room, various classrooms and exhibits in the building were visited, and Will James, cowboy author and artist, intrigued an enthusiastic audience with his inimitable sketches of Western wild life.

Mary Alice McCullough (U. of Mont., '38) became the bride of Gus B. Lange on May 30th. During the past year Mary Alice has been assistant librarian of the Chouteau County Library at Fort Benton. The couple will make their home at Red Lodge.

Elizabeth McCoy, formerly librarian of the North Montana College, Havre, married Mr. W. Grover Murphy of Las Cruces, New Mexico, June 17th. They are at home after July 10th; 636 South Alameda, Las Cruces

REPORTS AS RECEIVED FROM THE VARIOUS LIBRARIES:

ANACONDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Anaconda Senior High School Library of September 1940 has a book collection of approximately 4,500 volumes and 35 magazines. The library staff consists of a graduate librarian with a B. A. degree from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, and five NYA high school student assistants.

All students interested in pursuing a definite career were given assistance. Bibliographies were prepared covering most fields of endeavor and an alcove, "So, You Want A Career", was established which contained general books on occupations. A fairly up-to-date file of college catalogues was established for the use of students interested in attending college.

In addition to serving regular clientele of the high school, the library answered many requests for assistance from various teachers and pupils of the other city schools.

Mary Logus, Librarian

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mrs. Milse Kirchten, librarian, Baker High School, reports that they have 1,375 books on the shelves at present, 84 of which were added last term. Some of the books deal with history of our State and its famous people. A set of colored maps was made last year. These deal with different phases of Montana history and are for class use.

Mrs. Kirchten has started to collect material for a booklet on Fallon County which dates back to its earliest geologic times and runs through all phases of Fallon County history up to the present. Part of the material is printed and ready for use. Students bring in stories and relics of the past. The typist class types the material. It is hoped to make quite a booklet to be used as a local starter in Montana history.

Mrs. Milse Kirchten, Librarian

BIG HORN COUNTY LIBRARY

The annual report of Big Horn County Library for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1940 reveals that a total of 60,545 books were checked out from that library and its three branches during the year. This is an increase of 23,404 over last year when 37,141 books were loaned.

Hardin checked out 53,522 books and 7,023 were loaned by the branches.

Statistics show that 2,012 books were repaired, 72 books were received as gifts, and 15 books were borrowed through Interlibrary Loan from the Pearly Billings Public Library and the University Library at Missoula.

Hazel Christiansen, Librarian

CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

According to the report of the library at Conrad, Montana, daily library service to the public of Conrad and vicinity was inaugurated May 17, 1939, with a staff of two members supplied by the Works Projects Administration.

The library is owned and sponsored by the Conrad Women's Club assisted by the W. P. A. The chairman of the Library Board is Mrs. W. L. DuBois. The officers of the Women's Club are: Mrs. Alice Hammons, president; Mrs. Veta March, vice president; Mrs. Ella Newman, secretary; Mrs. W. A. Flynn, treasurer. At the present time there is only one member on the library staff.

Hospital Library service was started on July 17, 1939 and ended October 13, 1939. Five cent per day was charged for the loan of books. During March of the present year free library service was available to the hospital patients. Visits to the hospital were made twice each week until June 15th. Thirty-five persons were served during the three months.

The membership of the library included 172 adults and 16 juveniles. Membership fees are fifty cents per week for adults and twenty-five cents for juveniles.

The circulation of books for the year May 17, 1939 to May 9, 1940 has been 7381 books. The circulation of used magazines during the period February 1 to May 9, 1940 was 1133.

used books have been donated by the others. The total number of books in the library is 1960. There are 1456 books for adults and 504 for juveniles.

Some three-hundred and thirty books have been rebound in the library.

The Bookmobile, which offers rural library service under the W.P.A. Library project, visits this library the first and third Thursday's of each month. Approximately one hundred and fourteen books have been made available to the members of the Conrad Woman's Club Library by the Bookmobile."

DAWSON COUNTY LIBRARY

Miss Barbara Conway, librarian of Dawson County high school at Glendive, Montana reports that "at the general election in July the voters of Dawson County approved the plans for junior college in conjunction with the county high school. As a result the library of the Dawson County High School is to be used by the college and will have \$400 added to its yearly budget.

The library contained 4127 volumes at the beginning of the 1940-41 school year. 673 volumes were added during the 1939-41 school year, of which 367 volumes were donated by the Glendive Elk's Club. Teachers and townspeople have donated copies of periodicals for the student union room of the junior college which will be under the supervision of the library.

The library is open from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M. on school days. Girls taking cooperative vocations are in charge of the library during the noon hour and do mending, filing, labeling, etc. Several students also work on N.Y.A. in the library. There is one student assistant in the library each period of the day. We are hoping to have the reading room enlarged some time during the year."

DILLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Mary L. Innes, librarian of Dillon Public Library, states in the annual report that Miss Jessie Duboc gave a copy of her recently published book "In the Days of Ichabod" to the library.

The International Mind Alcove and its quota of four books a quarter. The number is now reduced to two and their limit of 100 Alcove books will soon be reached. However, the library is to receive the Alcove lists and they hope to purchase the books to continue this valuable shelf.

Gifts to the library include \$5.00 from the Business and Professional Women's Club; \$10.00 and voluntary service in keeping the library open for readers and students Thursday evenings during the winter and spring from the American Association of University Women; and service by scrubbing all the library tables and chairs from the Girls Scouts.

Miss Mary L. Innes, Librarian

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Louise M. Fernald of the Great Falls Public Library at Great Falls, Montana reports that the main floor of the library has been redecorated and the Children's Room calcimined and a ceiling of colotex added. Miss Louise M. Fernald, Librarian

HELENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Helena Public Library completed its 54th year of service on June 30, 1940, having been organized as a Free Public Library in 1886. It was first organized as a Society Library in 1868.

Mabel T. Millecr, Librarian

LEWISTOWN CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Main reports that the Carnegie Public Library of Lewistown, Montana has a McGuffey's Sixth Reader, 1857 edition, which any library may have upon request. They also have a copy of "The Story of Mary MacLane", written by a Butte girl, which may be had upon request. This book created quite a furor when published in 1902.

Miss Main, Librarian

LINCOLN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Inez Retekin, librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library at Libby, Montana, was appointed to take charge of the library service division for the State Federation succeeding Mrs. Benson of Havre. We will hear more in the next issue from Inez.

Inez Retekin, Librarian

Miss Nina M. Ford of the Missoula Public Library, Missoula, Montana reports that there have been comments and suggestions from several sources on the tentative draft of a proposed amendment to the Commission law. It was suggested that the Certification Committee take charge of that matter also and combine the provisions of that amendment with those of the certification bill that is in process of being prepared.

When the draft of the bill is prepared perhaps it will be mimeographed and sent around as a special item as it is not ready for this bulletin and the next issue will be too late.

Miss Nina M. Ford, Librarian

PERMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Libraries are in the front line in the social and educational action for the national defense of democracy against the destructive ideologies. This is the most vital issue in adult education today. Not a day can be lost in bringing to the reading attention in our communities books and other printed information to increase appreciation and understanding of democracy and to give knowledge of other governmental systems which is essential to understanding and preserving democracy. Have you a plan of action for your library?

Miss Margaret Fulmer, librarian of the Permly Billings Memorial Library and chairman of the committee on adult education reports that "libraries are in the front line in the social and educational action for the national defense of democracy against the encroachment of destructive ideologies. This is the most vital issue in adult education today. Not a day can be lost in bringing to reading attention in our communities books and other printed information to increase appreciation and understanding of democracy and to give knowledge of other governmental systems which is essential to understanding and preserving democracy."

Have you a plan of action for your library? Has your Board of Trustees reaffirmed the basic principles for the democratic functioning of your library by adopting "The Library's Bill of Rights" and "The Library--1940"? The following articles are suggested as aids in formulating a plan of action: "Libraries and the National Defense Program" by Carl H. Milam and "The Job as I see It" by John Chancellor in the ALA Bulletin, September 1, 1940 and "An Open Letter to Librarians" and "How are Libraries Facing a Social Crisis?" by Ralph A. Ulveling in the ALA Bulletin June 1940 deserve the special attention of every Montana librarian.

Members of the MSLA Adult Education Committee will be announced in the next issue of the Bulletin as some acceptances are still pending. Any Montana librarian wishing to serve please write the chairman, Margaret Fulmer, Permly Billings Memorial Library Billings, Montana. The functions of the committee this year will be to plan and promote among Montana libraries the education for democracy, to become better informed on the library and adult education, and to cooperate with the MSLA and ALA adult education committees."

Through the part-time vocational training program of Billings High School, five students have been appointed as pages to assist with the clerical and circulation work of the Permly Billings Memorial Library during the school year.

Margaret Fulmer, Librarian

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTANA

Mrs. Anne McDonnell, assistant librarian of the Historical Society of Montana, is preparing volume ten of the "Contributions" for the publishers. Mrs. Anne McDonnell

Questions:

It has been suggested that our bulletin carry a discussion page. Problems which are bothering us and which we hardly have time to iron out at our annual conventions. We are thus starting such a page by including several questions. May we have the discussions and opinions sent to the next bulletins? This column will be as good as you make it.

1. How are High School Libraries handling the textbook situation since no deposit is required according to a recent state law? How are fines to be collected? How will librarians recover textbooks from the student who drops out during the year? Are textbooks issued to the student or through the teacher? Who is responsible for issuing those books--the librarian or a member of the faculty?
2. Why should a high school librarian belong to the Montana Education Association and the Montana State Library Association? From which will it derive the most benefit?
3. What is to become of the nucleus libraries started by the N.Y.A.; F.R.A.; Women's clubs etc. whose help has been withdrawn? (We hope the Library Extension Commission answers this one for we know of just such libraries which are being carried on by those already heavily burdened)

City and County Libraries?

5. How many libraries use the RENTAL COLLECTION for new books? How much rental is charged? Is this collection a self-supporting collection? Is it a duplicate collection?

PLEASE may we have your responses in the next bulletin? And more questions?

For Sale:

A copy of "Days on the Road". Write Miss Clara M. Main, Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, Montana, if interested.

International Mind Alcove books have been recently received by two libraries in our state; Helena Public Library and the Carnegie City Library at Kalispell. Both libraries have just received their initial shipment of these books. These books are given free by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Kalispell applied three years ago and are indeed grateful to at last have been put on the list, to receive these books.

PERSONALS

Gwendolyn Benson of Sidney, Montana will be a new assistant at the Chateau County Free Library at Fort Benton, Montana. Miss Benson graduated from the University of Montana in June 1940, with a B.A. in Library Science.

Margie Ann Crawford, acting Assistant Librarian at the Chateau County Free Library and member of the class of '41, will return to the University of Montana to complete her course in Library Science.

Mr. Ritch, Librarian of the Historical Society of Montana library, has been ill for the past two months.

Charlotte Morang, First assistant of the Carnegie Public Library, at Miles City, Montana was married on August 11th to Mr. Harold R. Weiner. Charlotte will continue to work for a short time.

Mrs. Sally Falkner, children's librarian, at the Carnegie Public Library at Miles City has been granted a leave of absence for study. She expects to leave September 1st. for Pittsburgh, to attend Carnegie Library School, Carnegie Institute of Technology and to be gone for the duration of the school year.

Miss June Spear, assistant librarian, will be in charge of the Children's library at Miles City during Mrs. Falkner's absence. Miss Spear attended the University of Minnesota in 1937 and the State Teachers college in Dillon, 1939.

Mrs. Laura Zeck, librarian, is looking forward to becoming the Librarian of the State ~~Library~~ in Miles City in 1941. She extends a warm personal greeting and a hearty welcome to all.

Elizabeth Baker, former librarian of the Havre High School, spent her vacation in Montana. Miss Baker is now on the staff of the Mount Holyoke College Library.

Mary Almas of Havre has been appointed librarian of the University of Minnesota Forestry library. Miss Almas returned recently to Minnesota after a vacation at home.

Guinevere Crouch, Lucille Spear, Ellen Torgrimson, and Emlyn Benson were the Montana librarians who attended the P.M.L.A. conference at Timberline Lodge.

Ruth Eismann, librarian of the Northern Montana College and two of the teachers spent their vacations in Hawaii.

Inez Ratekin of the Lincoln County Library, is the new Chairman of Library Service for the Montana Federation of Women's clubs.

Mrs. Ruth Gens Frohlicher, assistant for four years at the Great Falls Public Library is to substitute there during the coming winter.

Miss Zella Barron, Billings, has been appointed as assistant on the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library. Miss Barron, a graduate of the Billings High School and a student at the Eastern Montana Normal School the past year, was appointed from the apprentice training class held at the Library during the summer of 1939.

Miss Mary Mudd, who graduated in 1938 from the University of Montana Library school, was appointed librarian at Carrol College at Helena.

Nelle Maxey, who graduated in 1940 from the University of Montana Library School, was appointed part-time assistant at Missoula Public Library in September 1940.

Mrs. Lois Payson, librarian at the State College Library, Bozeman; reports her return from Mexico. We are all glad to have her back and we missed her at Convention.

Margaret Fulmer, librarian at Parmly Billings Memorial Library has returned from New York after completing a six weeks course at the Columbia University.

Patricia Gibbons, B.A. 1940 from the University of Montana, has been appointed Assistant librarian at the Carnegie city library, Kalispell.

Lucille Grove, former assistant librarian, at the Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, is living in Seattle, Washington, 1413 E. 63rd St.

Winifred Feighner who has been acting librarian at Bozeman for the past year, during Mrs. Payson's absence, has returned her duties at the University of Montana Library.

Olive Brain, class of 1940, University of Montana Library School, has accepted a position at Great Falls, Montana.

All the 1940 graduates of the State University Library School have received appointments for the coming year.

COMMITTEES M.S.L.A.

Membership: MRS. GRABE, Flathead County High School Librarian, reports that there are over 100 (one hundred) librarians in the state who are eligible to belong to the Montana State Library Association. So far only 39 have joined and paid their \$1.00 (one dollar) dues. Every library should become an active member of the Montana State Library Association! The strength and activity of the association is in direct proportion to the strength and activity of its members! Are you a member? Dorothy Huston of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library will be glad to enroll you or your library.

Certification: Miss Feighner of the University of Montana, Missoula; Mrs. Burlingame of Bozeman, and Miss Ellen Torgrimson of Fort Benton, met in Helena recently to discuss revision of the Certification Bill. Miss Feighner, is chairman of the committee.

Did you sign the Certification ^{Form} Bill sent out by Miss Ford before Convention? If not, will you do so?

This Certification Bill is to be presented at our State Legislature this coming session. Get in and work for it!

Financial Committee:

Miss Huston, treasurer of Montana State Library Association, reports the great need of money. Beginning this year (convention begins a new year) our treasury had \$34.20- to this was added the dues of 39 librarians and a one dollar to help increase the fund for this Legislative year. May we have more cooperation financially?

The association wishes to pay tribute to the work being done by County Superintendents, school teachers and women's clubs, who are doing such a fine work of establishing libraries. Letters received have shown such work and such sacrifices made that we wish to express our appreciation through this organization. These communications have been forwarded to Dr. Vande Bogert, chairman of the State Library Extension Committee.

NOTICE

Please send your communications to MRS. McEWEN LIBRARIAN OF THE LIVINGSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY. Mrs. McEwen will publish the next edition. It costs money to send request post cards (we sent 101 postcards asking for information) Will each one of you assume the responsibility of reporting for your library and save this unnecessary expense? If you want the bulletin, send a post card of information--at any rate, a post card requesting the bulletin. Isn't that fair? (P.S. This is editorially speaking and not a decision of the M.S.L.A. but we still think this is the only fair arrangement. We are mailing out 93 Bulletins, which shows a fine response to the post cards. Thank you).

The Kalispell Carnegie Library and the Flathead County High School Library have been responsible for this issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin.

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REPORTS AS RECEIVED FROM THE VARIOUS LIBRARIES

BIG HORN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

The Big Horn County Library at Hardin has been receiving 16 books each year from the International Mind Alcove. Their patrons look forward to each installment of these very fine books.

Book Week was observed most successfully. The librarians arranged a most interesting display of children's books in their newly created Children's Room in the basement. The room is very pretty in ivory and light green, and gay with bright colored cut-outs of Mother Goose characters on the walls. They also had some very fine original drawings by 6th grade Navajo Indian children on exhibit. These were loaned by Miss Rose K. Brandt, Superintendent of Indian Education. The school children of Hardin visited the library in classes to look over the new books and receive instruction on the use of the library. A Book Week program for Saturday, November 16th, given by the little children, was well attended by children and adults from all over the county. The library sponsored two contests during book week, a Book Poster contest for the high school art class, and a Book Character contest for the school children of the county. The school sending in the best doll dressed as a book character could choose a new book for the school library. The children in the second grade at St. Xavier won the prize with a hand-made doll dressed as "Little Red Ridinghood."

The library was redecorated in the late fall, and looks very attractive with its new Venetian blinds.

Hazel Christiansen, Librarian

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beth Sprague, a graduate of Whitman College in 1937; 1940 Riverside Library School, has accepted the position of Librarian in the Great Falls High School.

Remember A. L. A. membership dues begin with January. Please send as usual to A. L. A. headquarters, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago. New workers in the state will be gladly welcomed. Louise M. Fernald, Membership Chairman.

Louise M. Fernald, Librarian

HAVRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Patricia Tout of Harlem, has received her degree in library science from the University of Minnesota. Miss Tout helped in the Havre Public Library while attending the Northern Montana College. She is anxious to secure a library position.

Each year the Havre Woman's Club assists the Havre Public Library with Book Week displays. A committee of two members is named to help, and a donation of money is made for the purchase of books for the Children's Department.

During Book Week it is the custom to invite pupils of the schools to visit the library in classes with their teachers in charge. Attractive displays of the new books are arranged in both departments of the library. Short talks are given by the librarian or the assistant, telling the history of the library and how to use it. A display is also featured in one of the windows, of a downtown business block.

Emlyn Benson, Librarian

LEWISTOWN CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The librarian is sending a report on Montana writers and their work to a newspaper columnist of Colorado Springs, who is writing a series of articles on the literary production and authors of each state.

Clara M. Main, Librarian

Miss Olive Brain, class of 1940, Montana State University Library School, has accepted the position of Children's Librarian at this library. Miss Brain succeeds Mrs. Gladys Sibbert Cutter, whose resignation goes into effect December 1.

The Book Week exhibit of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library was placed in the window of the Montana Power Company. Photographs of children with books, in their homes and in the Children's Rooms, surrounded by some of the more colorful new juvenile books, made up the attractive display and illustrated the 1940 motto, "Good Books - Good Friends."

A new series of posters on American democracy is being displayed in the library. Each poster, with the help of corresponding books, emphasizes the need for a deeper appreciation of the American background and heritage.

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library has just completed its first year of successful adult education service. The Librarian, Reference Librarian, and Catalog Librarian are scheduled in turn at the Readers Librarian's desk from 10 to 12 AM, 2 to 4 PM each day, and from 7 to 9 PM Wednesdays for advisory service to readers. Reading outlines, ready-made or made-to-order, book-lists, or self-starter books, are available to anyone who wishes to become better informed, to continue his education, or to increase his personal efficiency by self-education through planned reading. A file of over 500 reading outlines and bibliographies from educational institutions are available. Advice of local specialists who know the books of their field is utilized to supply reading needs.

Miss Margaret Fulmer, chairman of the Adult Education Committee of M. S. L. A. announces the following to serve with her on that committee:

Miss Geneva Cook, Bozeman Public Library
Mrs. Hazel Christianson, Big Horn County Free Library, Hardin
Miss Dorothy Phelps, Carnegie Public Library, Kalispell

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library announces that it will be glad to send samples of its mimeographed reading lists to any library requesting them.

Margaret Fulmer, Librarian

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

In spite of the fact that the Discussion Page instituted by the joint sponsors of the September issue of the M. S. L. A. Bulletin has met with most favorable comments, the scarcity of the replies would seem to indicate that we librarians are chronically immersed in the sea of our own immediate duties. Can't we come up long enough to send a helpful answer to these SOS calls occasionally?

So far, no suggestions have been received in regard to the text-book situation in Montana high schools. Will some high school librarian please suggest a workable plan? This needs an answer.

Perhaps librarians hesitate to attempt to evaluate the M. E. A. and the M. S. L. A. because neither of these useful organizations must be open to the least suspicion of competition or jealousy. Each covers its own field. Since the work of a high school librarian is akin to that of the teacher as well as the librarian, should she not derive benefits from both organizations? Further discussion is invited upon this question.

No one suggests a possible solution for the problem of abandoned NYA or PWA nucleus libraries. Would it not seem fair as well as feasible to arrange for their absorption by the library which serves the community from which the books originally came? "R.S.V.P."

Great Falls reports a rental collection for new books, with ten cents charged per week. It is partially self-supporting. Many duplicates are purchased....Helena uses the rental system for all new fiction, charging ten cents per week. The collection is self-supporting, and it is a duplicate collection....Big Horn County Library has a rental collection for a few of the latest fiction only. Charge is ten cents per week. In case of a large book (e.g. "Wild Geese Calling") the time is extended to two weeks, but the charge is still ten cents.....Livingston Public Library has a rental shelf for new books, charging five cents per week. Each book is placed on the open shelf when it has paid for itself, or after six months in any case. No duplicates are on the open shelf as long as a book remains on the rental shelf, but we often have duplicates on the pay shelf.

Indiana Public Library reports the average cost for distribution as nine cents per book.....Big Horn County Library reports a cost of 7½ cents per book. Livingston reports 6½ cents per book. (The fact that Park County High School is only now organizing a library probably accounts for large circulation, which in turn brings down the cost of distribution per book. Another year will probably make a difference here.

ANOTHER QUESTION:

Give best solution for the following situation: When subversive literature is received, should the librarian

- (a) Place it on display with other gift literature, with no attempt at censorship?
- (b) Notify officials of the attempts to spread propaganda? or
- (c) Throw the questionable material into the waste-basket with no comment?

What about contest fans? Do they take up too much library time, or does the opportunity to teach the use of library tools and the favorable library publicity they bring offset the disadvantages?

SUGGESTIONS

Among the library notes in various local papers, the following have intrigued us:

A library offers the services of any staff-member to address various organizations on any subject connected with libraries or books.

A library has a special collection of pre-primers for the use of the beginning first grade pupils.

A library cooperates with various organizations in the making of special lists of books to be found in the local library on certain special subjects.

After a library has gathered a large collection of valuable materials for use in a local culture club the librarian offers to make typed copies of the finished address, if the library may file one copy in the archives.

A high school library specializes in "remedial reading" by placing on its shelves books of the "T-Model Tommy" type and reports that a large percentage of boys are becoming library-minded.

One variation of the usual observance of Book Week proved unusually successful in the Livingston Public Library. One contest carried on in the juvenile department stressed the care of books as well as their use. The Woman's Club cooperated by offering prizes for the book mark with the best original design and set of rules for the care of books. Two prizes were given in each grade from the fifth grade through the eighth. The library is having book marks made from one of the prize winning designs.

The Soap-carving exhibit sponsored by the National Soap Sculpture Committee at 80 East 11th Street, New York, is a very attractive work of art furnished to libraries and schools upon request. The sponsors of the exhibit offer to pay the express both ways. Livingston patrons were much pleased with the exhibit when shown at the Library in connection with the soap-carving done by pupils of the local schools.

Why not exchange mystery-fiction with a neighboring library? Since shelf-list and catalog cards may be exchanged with the books, each library would receive new reading material at no extra cost.

Have you tried using a projector to enlarge small pictures into poster size? It's a time-saver.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTES

Miss Dorothy Huston, Reference Librarian at Parmly Billings Memorial Library, will represent the M. S. L. A. at the A. L. A. Council meeting to be held in Chicago on December 28 and 29th.

The following important library topics are occupying the attention of the A. L. A. at the present time: (topics continued on following page)

1. Joint Committee on State Relationships - This committee considers the inter-relationships of the A. L. A. and state associations and facilitates the interchange of information on organization and functioning. This committee may be called upon for advice and suggestions. The chairman is Harriet E. Howe.
2. Libraries and Democracy - The Adult Education Board is carrying out a program to help libraries meet today's challenge for education in the meaning of democracy, and urges a continuance in state meetings of the discussion on the part the library plays in advancing an understanding and appreciation of the democratic way of life.
3. Adult Education - The Adult Education Board is cooperating with state associations which are interested in the subject.
4. Federal Aid - The Harrison-Thomas Bill S. 1305 would provide federal aid to education including libraries and may be brought up in January 1941. It is urged that public interest in this Bill be kept alive.
5. State Library Leadership - Correlation of plans and united action are called for on the part of state library extension agencies, state library associations, school, college, universities, and public libraries.
6. Classification and Pay Plans for Municipal Public Libraries - Each library and each state library association should prepare and adopt classification and pay plans to meet its own particular needs. These plans may be adopted from the model accepted by the A. L. A. Council in 1938, copies of which are for sale by Headquarters.
7. Personnel - The A. L. A. Board on Salaries, Staff and Tenure, is working to advance security of tenure, favorable working conditions and adequate salaries, and urges serious consideration of these and other phases of personnel throughout the year.
8. Recruiting - Librarians in service are asked for active assistance in keeping on the look out for a few young people of desirable personal qualifications and superior ability, with a view toward interesting them in library work. Selective recruiting is the responsibility of all librarians.
9. Certification - Every State Association can promote the recognition of librarianship as a profession and assure the participation of the library in the cultural, educational, social and economic life of the community.
10. Scholarships and Loan Funds - State Associations could help to improve library personnel by providing scholarships for librarians in service and for promising young candidates to attend library school.
11. In-service Training - Sponsoring in-service training is a deserving activity for libraries.
12. School Libraries - Some States are coordinating the work of state library and education associations through interlocking officers and jointly sponsored programs.
13. Audio-visual Materials - Many associations are giving this subject program consideration and committee study because of the importance of the relation of newer types of audio-visual materials to other library materials.
14. State Aid - The Library Extension Board and the Board on Library Service to Children and Young People are emphasizing the value of state grants to strengthen existing libraries and to develop complete state-wide library service.
15. Large Unit Public Libraries - Each state should have a system of public libraries available for all its population. For those states which still need legislation to achieve the above results the Library Extension Board's "Regional or District Libraries," published in 1938, with a supplement giving laws passed in 1939, will be helpful.
16. Trustee and Citizen Participation - Twenty-nine states have organizations representing library trustees or citizens in general, or both, which work toward active cooperation in library development. Literature regarding this activity is available from A. L. A. Headquarters.
17. Libraries and the National Defense Program - Libraries are immediately concerned with the giving of service in relation to the soldiers and sailors, to industrial preparedness, and to the problems of democracy. Watch the American Library Association Bulletin for news of latest developments along these lines.

18. The White House Conference on Children in a Democracy - School and public library groups are cooperating with other state groups to find immediate and effective ways of achieving the conference objectives.

19. Evaluating Library Work with Children - The need for re-evaluating library service to children, for rethinking and restating its purposes, is being stressed by the Board on Library Service to Children and Young People. (Note: The President of the M. S. L. A., would welcome any comments or expression of interest in any of the above topics, with a view towards further discussion at the June meeting.)

Every Library should have a copy of the revised constitution and by-laws of the American Library Association. This will be finally acted upon in June 1941.

Essae M. Culver, President of the American Library Association, says "There appear to be at least four jobs for libraries: To provide normal library service; aid in vocational and professional training for national defense; help people to understand the meaning of events; and strengthen our relations with Latin America. Vital contributions to national preparedness and unity can be made only if those jobs can be well done."

The latest advices from Washington, D. C. regarding the campaign for Federal Aid would seem to indicate small chance for the Harrison-Thomas Bill being pushed in the present Congress. Emphasis on national defense measures opens up new opportunities for emergency federal aid for libraries through interpretations or rulings that books be included as equipment (e.g. for vocational training). The Federal Relations Committee is watching for those opportunities, though its ultimate objective is permanent federal aid. Each librarian can get in touch with members of Congress, stressing the importance of libraries in the national emergency with respect (a) to vocational education for industrial mobilization, (b) to serving as a center of information on public questions, and (c) to the situation in the state as to the number of rural people without library service.

The A. L. A. has requested that the work of the Jury on Citations be given all possible publicity, and that the following notice be published in this issue of the M. S. L. A. Bulletin:

CITATION OF TRUSTEES

"That the trustees of libraries throughout the nation are making a vital contribution to the development of libraries and library service is to be recognized by a special Jury on Citations. The Jury selected by members of the Trustees Section and the Executive Board of the American Library Association are:

Trustees: Laurance J. Harwood, Chairman, South Bend, Indiana
Mrs. P. H. Flynn, Xenia, Ohio
M. M. Harrie, San Antonio, Texas

Librarians: Harriet C. Long, Oregon State Library, Salem
Donald K. Campbell, Public Library, Haverhill, Mass.

"The Jury on Citations asks that recommendations for trustees be sent to them in order that two trustees may be cited for outstanding achievement or contribution to library development during 1940. Such citations will be made annually thereafter.

"It should be stressed that equal consideration is to be given to trustees of small and large libraries for service on a local, state, or national level. The contribution to library service need not be spectacular nor dramatic to be considered by the Jury members.

"The first awards of the Jury will be made at the annual conference of the American Library Association to be held in Boston June 19-25, 1941. Recommendations for citations may be submitted by any library board, individual library trustee, state library extension agency, state library association, state trustee organization, or by the Trustees Section of the American Library Association. The recommendations must be accompanied by a full record of the candidate's achievements. In order to make the awards at the annual meeting in Boston, all nominations should be in the hands of the Jury on Citations not later than December 1, 1940. Address all correspondence to Mr. Laurance J. Harwood, Chairman, Jury on Citations, American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago."

COMMITTEES M. S. L. A.

Although the Membership Committee has been active in trying to secure added members for the Association, the reports to date have not been encouraging. Perhaps if it were possible for more staff members to attend the annual meeting of M. S. L. A., they would understand more clearly and hence feel a greater interest in the work of the organization.

Miss Nina Ford, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reports that the proposed budget for the State Library Extension Committee has been completed and is ready to be presented at the January meeting of the State Legislature.

Miss Winnifred Feighner, Chairman of the Certification Committee, reports the completion of the proposed Certification Bill. This is in the form of a proposed amendment to the existing Code which fixes the duties of the State Library Extension Board. It also provides for more members on the Board.

The dates for the annual meeting of the M. S. L. A., to be held in Miles City, have been tentatively fixed for early June. The next issue of the Bulletin will carry the final announcement.

NOTICE

Miss Ruth A. Eismann, Librarian of the Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana, will publish the next edition of the M. S. L. A. Bulletin in January 1941. Please send your next communications to her, thus saving her the expense of sending out requests for information.

It seems to us, unofficially speaking, that the Bulletin should reach all members of the library profession in the state. We are, therefore, mailing a copy to each person named in the Library Directory. If any others would like a copy, there will be a few extra copies available. It may be that the fact of receiving a copy of the official organ of our association will foster a greater interest in the M. S. L. A., --- and may even result in an added paid membership.

The Livingston Public Library has sponsored this issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin.

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**Legislative Program
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Once again the Montana State Library Association is going before the legislature to ask for the passage of some library legislation: an appropriation for the Montana State Library Extension Commission, and a change in the Commission law increasing its membership to give representation to public and county librarians, and define its powers of certification.

Those bills can become law only if our representatives and senators can be convinced that Montana people want them.

Librarians must support them if they are to obtain state leadership through an active Commission, and certification to raise the standards of our profession and protect qualified workers in their positions. The bills may not be perfect. Perhaps all legislation is a compromise. But much thought and work has gone into the making of them. They have been read by competent legal authority. The Certification Committee, members of the Planning Committee, members of the Commission, and others active in the affairs of the MSLA feel that these bills are good. Let's give them 100 per cent support!

When they are before the house, the senate, or in committee let your legislators know that you want them passed.

Get other interested people outside the profession to express their views. School executives, Club members, and progressive citizens can do much by writing a few postcards. Personal messages are more effective than endorsements from organizations - even though these are useful.

And as a matter of economy let's get those bills passed this year if possible and avoid a repetition of this work and expense.

Nina M. Ford, Chairman Planning Committee.

Another attempt is being made to pass a bill for certification of librarians in this state. The bill also includes what may be considered as changes of vital importance in regard to the State Library Extension Commission. It is the hope of the certification committee that every librarian in the state will help in the matter of promotion of this bill.

If anyone interested has not received copies I shall be glad to supply them as so requested. The make-up of the whole bill is not unusual, its format having been decided upon after the study of similar bills in other states.

If you find it possible to contact representatives in the legislature we ask that they be fully informed in regard to the matter and asked to help in the promotion of its passage.

M. Winnifred Feighner, Chairman, Certification
Committee.

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

As usual the Great Falls Public Library made much of Christmas in all its phases, having a huge tree in the center of the Children's Room around which the children gathered to hear Dicken's Christmas Carol told.

In one corner is a beautiful Crèche made by the artist Mr. Earl Heikka and loaned to the Children's Room for the past two years.

In the wee folks' corner a Bulletin of Santa and his Reindeer by Mr. Charles M. Russell illustrating the last two lines of Moore's poem, "The Night Before Christmas": "And I heard him exclaim 'ere he drove out of sight, 'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!'"

Since asking that A.L.A. dues be paid January 1st, there has been a decided change in the scale of dues for individuals as well as for institutions. For members receiving under \$1200 annually (available only to librarians and library school students) dues are \$2.00. \$1201-\$1500 dues \$3.00; \$1501-\$2100 dues \$4.00; \$2101-\$3000 dues \$5.00. Institutions \$20,000 and under dues are \$5.00; \$20,000 and up \$10.00. Blanks will be sent upon request.

Louise M. Fernald, Librarian

LEWISTOWN CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Of local interest was a display of photographs by Helen M. Post illustrating Oliver La Farge's, "As Long as the Grass Shall Grow." The exhibit, sponsored by the Lewistown branch of the American Association on Indian Affairs, consisted of forty large size photographs and filled every available space at the library for one week. It was a beautiful display and attracted a number of visitors.

Clara M. Main, Librarian.

MILES CITY CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The historical pamphlet, "It Happened in Montana" by J. W. Master-son, has been added to the shelves of our library. Of genuine interest to us was the page of authentic early pioneer happenings which Mrs. Laura Zook, our chief librarian, contributed.

The juvenile department of the library was fittingly decorated for the holidays. A table devoted to Christ's Nativity was displayed. Also, an informative table on "Transportation," with toys representing the different modes of conveyance, was arranged.

Mrs. Laura Zook, Librarian.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Abbott Garber writes from Laramie, Wyoming, that she has been appointed librarian there at the Carnegie Public Library which is county wide as are all Wyoming libraries. She says that she loves the country, the people and the challenge of the library. We hope that we may hear from her frequently and that she will remain in touch with all that we do.

Mrs. Sally Falkner, children's librarian at the Carnegie Public Library at Miles City, who is attending the Carnegie Library School, Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the holidays with her family and friends in Miles City.

Miss Ellen Peterson of Birney, Montana, who attended Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., for two years, is now on the staff of the Carnegie Library at Miles City.

Rita Jones has resigned from the staff of the Missoula Public Library to be married.

Vera Grazier, formerly a part-time member of the Missoula Public Library staff is now in Butte working on the WPA state-wide library project.

THE DISCUSSION PAGE

The circulation cost per volume in the Missoula City and County Library is 8.3¢.

It was the understanding of the writer when the N Y A collected books to start libraries where no library service was available that title to these books vested in the State Library Extension Commission. I have had no contact with W P A libraries.

The Missoula Public Library has a rental collection of approximately 350 volumes, fiction and non-fiction. This is not a duplicate collection. The fee is ten cents a week with the privilege of renewal upon payment of another dime. Receipts during the last fiscal year were \$639.80. Books which appeal to a limited group of readers are transferred to the general collection when the demand of this group has been served.

As to subversive literature, and I understand this term to mean material that is beyond question subversive to the American way of life - intolerant, inciting to class or race hatred, or advocating overthrow of our governmental institutions:

It is not displayed in the Missoula Public Library.

If coming from an organization with local connections it is filed (for a limited time) and given only to those asking for it.

If sent out from some national or international propaganda bureau directly to the library it makes a speedy acquaintance with the waste basket.

QUESTIONS:

In counting circulation wherein does your method vary from the A. L. A. standard?

For how long a period do you register borrowers, and do you withdraw expired numbers regularly? In other words, what is your method of knowing just how many people are using your library?

Your opinion please: Would Montana fall more naturally into the Rocky Mountain Library Association than into the Pacific Northwest? Would distances to meetings be more favorable to those living east of the divide? Would there be more small libraries in this association and would we therefore find more interest in small library problems?

NOTICE

Miss Clara M. Main, Librarian of the Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, Montana, will publish the next edition of the M. S. L. A. Bulletin in March 1941. Please send your next communications to her, thus saving her the expense of sending out requests for information.

Additional copies of this bulletin may be obtained upon request. We urge you to bring it to the attention of new librarians in the state and to all friends of libraries.

The Northern Montana College Library has sponsored this issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin.

March, 1941

REPORTS ON LEGISLATION

House Bill 29

House Bill 29 in the recent session of the Montana State Legislature was introduced by Representatives Dillavou, Hammond, Gebhardt, Williams, and Phelan. It was referred to the Committee on education, of which Representative D. F. James of Liberty County is chairman. Miss Torgrimson of the Choteau County Free Library, Miss Fulmer of the Farmly Billings Memorial Library, Miss Landborg of the Helena High School Library, Mrs. Miller of the Helena Public Library, and Miss Mudd of Carroll College Library were given the opportunity to appear before the committee and the sub-committee in behalf of the bill. It was recommended for passage with a few minor changes, and passed the House with only a few dissenting votes.

In the Senate it met swift and sudden death in Committee of the Whole on a voice vote. Since there was not a roll call vote on the measure it is impossible to say definitely just how many votes were cast in favor of it, but they were few. The death sentence was decided on in a party caucus on a previous evening, and when the bill was brought up on the floor of the Senate its disposal was a matter of minutes. Attempts to have the measure segregated from the report of the Committee of the Whole, to have action on the bill deferred, and to bring it up for reconsideration, all failed. Senator Keeley of Powell was one of the leaders of the opposition most vocal in his condemnation of the measure in his talk with the librarians.

We are not downhearted! When another legislature meets I confidently expect that another bill will be introduced. I hope I am right in believing that the determination of the Montana State Library Association to improve and extend library service in this state does not die so easily. And while it may seem that much of our time and effort in behalf of this legislation was wasted, yet we have learned much from this experience, and we have laid a foundation on which we can continue to build until another legislature meets in 1943.

Nina M. Ford
Chairman Planning Committee

The bill for certification sponsored by the Montana State Library Association failed to pass the Senate because of an adverse committee report. Since it passed the House with an almost unanimous vote we seemed justified in hoping for its passage in the Senate. But this was not to be. We can only hope for another attempt in 1943, with more favorable results. I wish to thank my committee members Mrs. Burlingame and Miss Torgrimson for their continued cooperation and help in framing the bill. It was necessary to meet in Helena early in September and it was indeed splendid of both of them to spend the money and time to come there. Since other meetings of the committee or of those interested were impossible the work was carried on to completion with the aid of the Montana State College Library staff offering advice and help to Mrs. Burlingame in Bozeman, and with the help of Miss Campbell and Miss Ford in Missoula, also with the much helpful advice coming from Miss Fulmer of Billings. All of these librarians gave much time, interest and constructive criticism, contributing therefore to the content of the bill as it appeared in final form. In fact every librarian in the state was involved in the matter and I am sure much credit is due each one. The Helena librarians being in the "heart of the matter" as it were, are always involved to a great degree in the responsibilities which are pushed upon them. Their help therefore is continually counted upon and they deserve a special "thank you."

Sincerely,

M. Winnifred Feighner
Chairman, Certification Committee

REPORTS ON LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

BIG HORN COUNTY LIBRARY

72,403 books were loaned by Big Horn County Library and its three branches in 1940. This is a gain of 25,557 over 1939 when 46,846 books were borrowed.

Of the total 61,558 were checked from the library in Hardin to borrowers all over the county and 10,845 were loaned by the three branches. We use the A.L.A. standard in counting our circulation.

Our library celebrated America Month in various ways. An article was written about "America Month" by the librarian and printed in our county paper. A number patriotic posters were hung in the various rooms including framed pictures of Lincoln and Washington also "Gettysburg" address in Lincoln's own hand writing which is also framed. Stories on Lincoln and Washington were told the children during Story Hour, and the history of the flag and Flag etiquette were given.

Our borrowers cards expire when they have not been used for 3 years. We try to withdraw them regularly.

Our new Venetian blinds give our library a fresh up-to-date atmosphere.

Hazel Christianson, Librarian

FERGUS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

How are the high school libraries handling the text-book situation? Text-books in the Fergus County High School are issued to the class room teachers through the office, and not by the librarian. The individual teachers distribute the books to the students, collect them and return them to the office for storage in the text-book room. Heretofore, fines for both library and text-books have been collected from deposits, but they will probably be collected in the future by withholding grades till all fines are paid.

The County Circulating Library of the Fergus County High School has been functioning for more than twenty years. Through the district schools, it distributes books to both children and grown-ups. Any teacher in the county may take out as many as three dozen books at a time, and keep them six weeks for circulation in her district.

Eveline Eccles, Librarian

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

With the visit of the representative of our Welcome Wagon the library has from the start of the venture sent out a letter welcoming the family to the city and inviting one and all to become patrons of the library, the location, etc. We have felt the results in almost all cases and it has been thoroughly appreciated.

Louise M. Fernald, Librarian

LEWISTOWN CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Regarding "America Month" in the juvenile department, we gave publicity by using a different set of patriotic posters on our bulletin board each week. A special display of books on America was given prominence.

Pictures of Washington and Lincoln were put up. A specially selected list of seventy five books for Junior High reading was made in cooperation with the literature teachers of the school. These books are all on life in America.

Helen M. Sweeney, Children's Librarian

LINCOLN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Lincoln County Free Library at Libby is still pegging along with its ups and downs but with all enjoying its existence immensely. Last fall when the Teacher's Institute for the county teachers was held in Libby we held an Open House for them and served punch and wafers. Even a few of the regular patrons came in at the opportune hour and joined the festivity. At this Institute the annual reading plan was launched whereby students eighth grade and under by reading so many books, half of them from a preferred list, get certificates in the spring. This is a very successful and popular plan in this county and receives the full cooperation of the County Superintendent of Schools.

For Book Week each year there is an annual contest of some kind; poster, poetry, essay, soap carving contests have been in the past. This year the student could make any character or thing from a book out of wood. It was a "Friend from a Book" contest. Over two hundred entries were turned in from all parts of the county. In fact the Children's room looked like Santa Claus' toy shop. After exhibiting them in Libby the best ones were also shown at the main branches and schools.

Each Christmas we decorate and this year we made cathedral shaped cedar arches for the children's room and used cedar and red bows on window ledges, etc. The usual Christmas tree was the center of attraction for that room. Over the main entrance we constructed a large arch covered with cedar and obligingly hung therefrom a piece of mistletoe donated to the cause.

At present the exhibit on display is one of Latin American flags. We bought one of the sets Bowker sells and mounted each little flag on a cardboard 6" x 9" with a drawn map of the country and area and population statistics. There is also a large map of the United States and its southern neighbors so that the children often look at the individual maps and then find the country in the large one.

Inez Ratekin, Librarian

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY AT LEWISTOWN

Since the Lincoln School is organized on a modified platoon plan with two sections in each of the first six grades, we have a full time library teacher, who is also a home room teacher for one of the first grades. The day is divided into twelve periods, a different group coming to the library each twenty-six minutes. In the morning a few rural children use the library for free reading.

The types of work carried on in each grade are, briefly: First Grade, learning to handle books, looking at picture books and, after they have learned to read, reading to themselves. Second Grade, similar to first grade but with more independent reading. Children help with new words, one or two helping each day as the others read. Third Grade, much the same as second with increasing ability of children to read for their own enjoyment. Fourth Grade, in addition to the types of work done in the previous grades, some reference reading is done, and the children read to the others in the class at times. Fifth and Sixth Grades, more reference work is done and more independent reading for enjoyment as well as for information, from both books and magazines.

In all grades the library-teacher reads stories to the children, more in the lower grades than in the fifth and sixth. These may be purely for inspiration and for pleasure or to correlate with the units of work of the various groups. Bulletin boards and a small museum are also maintained.

Books are not loaned to be taken home, but the children are encouraged to borrow books from the near by Carnegie Library.

Ella Triol, Librarian.

PERSONAL

Virginia Smith of the Missoula Public Library staff has been granted a year's leave of absence beginning March 1, which she will spend in travel. Nelle Maxey has been given a staff appointment for a year to fill her place.

Miss Phelps reports that there is a new librarian at the Hamilton laboratory, correctly called Rocky Mountain Laboratory, and wonders if she would be interested in becoming a member of the MSLA.

DISCUSSION PAGE

"It has been my opinion for some time that P. N. L. A. have very few problems similar to our problems, however they have more and larger libraries than might be found in an inland group. I do not know just what states comprise the ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Mrs. Garber may answer this). We have our small library problems within our state association. Do we broaden more by association with the Coastal states or by staying within our own domain? What are train connections within this region as compared to train connections with the coast? We belong to the P. N. L. A. but just how much are we a part of it? How many of our problems are handled at any convention? I appreciate there is no solution here, just more questions." Dorothy S. Phelps

From the same source: "We have been having little local discussions on hours libraries are open and hours of staff members. We work 42 hours a week. What is the average for the state of Montana? We close Sundays; what is the average policy in the state? If each librarian would write this information to the next editor of the bulletin, she could do the averaging and answer in the next bulletin. What conclusions came from the questionnaires sent out by Miss Goos at Bozeman? We answer many such questions but never hear the results."

Regarding contests Miss Fernald says: "Another contest has just closed and I want to answer the questions asked in the November issue. I feel that in our library at least, it brings little publicity, very little opportunity to teach the use of the library, and the wear and tear on the books far offsets any apparent advantages."

Another librarian says: "Contest fans are a nuisance but without a doubt the contestants gain a lot of information in their search."

Anyway, what can we do about it?

ANSWERS

In answer to questions propounded in the January issue of the MSLA Bulletin Miss Dorothy S. Phelps, Kalispell Carnegie Librarian says:

We use the Gaylord Charging machine. When we changed our system we did not reissue any card until the borrower came into the library. We did not have complete re-registration for five years. Then we purchased our Remington Rand Kardex files for our borrowers' register. No card was changed into this active file until the borrower presented the card to the desk. We plan to use somewhat the same system three years hence. We have about 6,000 active borrowers. We should be interested to know how other libraries handle this re-registration, which really consumes a large amount of time.

The Lewistown Carnegie Library is open on Sundays for reading and research from 2:30 to 5 during the school year, September 1 to June 1. This is not required by contract but is optional with the librarian.

While we cannot expect the P.N.L.A. to discuss our local and state problems it seems to one librarian, at least, that we do get some practical suggestions by attending its conferences, not to speak of the inspiration received.

As to the train connections, two railway trunk lines connect most Montana cities and towns with the coast with few or no changes. The R.R. routes to the south are not so direct. How about going by plane?

Mrs. Christiansen of the Big Horn County Library states that they withdraw borrowers' cards if they are not in use for three years. They try to do this at regular intervals.

SOME NEW QUERIES

What states are included in the Rocky Mountain Library Association?

What is the most effective way in which you advertise your library?

What books are most popular in your library, both fiction and non-fiction?

Since it seemed evident that to introduce a measure calling for money would endanger the passage of the certification bill the request for an appropriation was withdrawn early in the legislative session. We now have both measures to consider again at the next legislative assembly.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Montana State Library Directory needs revision. Send corrections or additions to future editors of this bulletin.

Have you read the leading articles in the PNLA Quarterly for January? They are of exceptional interest.

The Big Horn County Library had a display of Mrs. Post's lovely pictures illustrating La Farge's "As Long as the Grass Shall Grow" which were greatly enjoyed by all who saw them.

The recent canvas conducted by the WPA for old books in the Lewistown Carnegie Library has brought to our consciousness some interesting volumes which have been stored away in safe places and seldom remembered. One such is a copy of a "Geography of the World by Way of Question and Answer Principally Designed for Children and Common Schools" by Nathaniel Dwight, published at Northampton, Mass., and dated May 12, 1795.

Concerning the location of the region of which our Treasure State is a part it says, "Its limits north and west are not perfectly known, and the latitude and longitude are not fully ascertained." Of its western boundary, "It is bounded on the west by the high lands called 'Shining Mountains' which divide the waters between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in that part of North America." Evidently the Rocky Mountains had not yet been named. Who can tell when and by whom they were so called?

The book has thin wooden backs covered with paper, literally "bound in boards."

MSLA MEETING AT MILES CITY

It was thought that the dates for the MSLA meeting in Miles City were definitely set but there are other events in May which conflict so that it seems best to defer our conference until June. No doubt a program will appear in the next issue of the bulletin.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OF MISSOULA,
Katherine Campbell, Librarian, will publish
the May edition of the M.S.L.A. Bulletin.
Do not wait until the last minute to send
your contribution.

A few copies of this bulletin are available.
upon request.

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CONVENTION OF MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The dates - June 8, 9, 10
The place - Miles City, Montana
Hotel headquarters - The Ingham

Brief outline from the tentative program:

Opening session 9 a.m. Monday. Short speeches, reports of committees, and appointment of convention committees.

12 M - Kiwanis Club luncheon with Kathleen Campbell, Librarian, Montana State University, and Chairman, State Library Extension Commission, as speaker.

The afternoon session includes special reports, followed by sectional meetings.

Mrs. W. T. Perham of Glendive is to be the speaker at the evening banquet.

Tuesday is a full day, with special talks by Ellen Torgrimson and Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart, president of Northern Montana College, Havre; a Rotary Club Luncheon, with guest speaker Elizabeth Ireland, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, from Helena; later a visit to the Carnegie Library; all climaxed by a tea with Mrs. Lois Payson speaking on her year in Mexico.

Better be there!!

THE DIRECTORY

May I announce to all readers of the Bulletin that the new M.S.L.A. Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians is now in the process of compilation. It is not simply a revision of the old and very inadequate file, but is a new, up-to-date directory which will be as complete as the cooperation of the librarians of the state will permit. It will be published in mimeographed form on June 1, and for each library it will give the name, location, the names of the staff and their rank, the number of volumes in the collection, and the hours during the week that the library is open. This publication will be available upon request, at thirty-five cents a copy.

Helen I. Goss
In charge, M.S.L.A. Directory
Montana State College Library
Bozeman, Montana

DISCARDS

As we discard them, we would be glad to send copies of the following to anyone who cares to pay the postage: M.S.L.A. Bulletin; Essay Index; Current Biography; Reader's Guide.

Montana State College Library
Bozeman, Montana

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee of the Montana State Library Association wishes to express its appreciation to those people who have joined the Association for the first time or who have renewed their memberships. While we had hoped for a much greater response, we are thankful for those who have expressed their confidence in the Association by joining it. If anyone still wishes to become a member for this year, his membership will indeed be welcome.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Huston, Chairman,
Membership Committee

PERSONALS

Miss Winnifred Feighner, Assistant Librarian at Montana State University, was honored by Theta Sigma Phi (Women's National Journalism Fraternity) at its Matrix Table on April 30th. Miss Feighner was selected as one of the most outstanding women in Missoula not only for her contributions to the library profession in the state but also as an active member of several of the leading clubs in the city.

Florena Gray, U. of M. 1940, of the Missoula Public Library Staff, resigned on May first to be married. She left for California on May fourth.

Nelle Maxey, U. of M. 1940, is a new member of the staff of the Missoula Public Library, filling the place left vacant by Miss Gray's resignation.

Jeanne Lewis, a senior in the Library School at Montana State University, is a new member of the part-time staff at the Missoula Public Library.

Virginia Smith, cataloger of the Missoula Public Library, who is enjoying a year's leave of absence, writes from Los Angeles that she expects to be there until the first of June, when she will continue her journey through Texas and Louisiana.

Margie Ann Crawford and Vera Marie Hunt, senior students in the Library School at Montana State University, have been doing practice work in the Missoula Public Library, the Missoula County Free Library, and in the Missoula County High School Library.

Miss Gladys Johnson, acquisitions librarian, Montana State University Library, has resigned because she has not fully recovered from the accident suffered last July when returning to Denver on a vacation trip.

Graduating seniors in the Department of Library Economy, Montana State University, will be Dorothy Peterson (with honors), Margie Ann Crawford and Vera Marie Hunt.

Lucile Speer, Documents and Serials Librarian, Montana State University, will attend P.N.L.A. in Victoria in August, as she is on the Committee for reorganization of P.N.L.A., which is in accordance with the reorganization plan of the American Library Association.

Miss Kathryn Geiger of the Missoula County High School Library plans to attend the annual meeting of the A. L. A. in Boston.

Helena Public Library - Mabel T. Miller, Librarian

The Helena Public Library recently received an installment of Alcuve books from the Carnegie Endowment. The collection now numbers 16.

This library is serving 44 girls from the N.Y.A. camp, 40 boys from the N.Y.A. school, and the students of the Civil Aeronautics Authority classes with a collection of books every two weeks. 35 High School freshmen and 110 grade students recently visited and were instructed in this library's facilities.

A weekly column (with news or a booklist) in each of the local papers serves as very effective publicity for the library. Mr. Hawthorne Daniel, lecturer and author of "End of Track" was a recent visitor at the Helena Public Library.

Big Horn County Library, Hardin - Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, Librarian

We are open 42 hours a week. Closed on Sundays and holidays.

Our weekly "Library Notes" column in our only county paper is our most effective way of advertising our library. This contains lists of new books, with short resumés of the most important ones, monthly reports, and lists of books in the library for special times of the year, as a list of garden books for "Garden Week", etc, or anything else about the library that would be of interest to the public.

Our most popular books right now are, "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "Out of the Night." "Come with the Wind" and "Grapes of Wrath" are still going strong.

Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings - Margaret Fulmer, Librarian

Style trends, fabrics and related topics are being taught in a five-week course entitled "Personality in Fashion". The course is offered by the federal distributive education system and will be in charge of Miss Ethel Price of New York City. The Parmly Billings Memorial Library has on reserve in the building books to supplement this course and has placed collections of books in several of the down town stores for the employees to use in connection with the course.

An all-time high in the number of books circulated in one month was set in March when Billings readers borrowed 16,200 books from the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, 3372 more books than were borrowed during March 1940. The largest daily circulation was March 8 with 1082 books borrowed. The average daily circulation was 623 books. A check of books most in demand shows the three most popular fiction favorites to be: "For Whom the Bell Tolls", "Oliver Twist", and "Sapphira and the Slave Girl". Among the non-fiction favorites were: "Mein Kampf", "From Many Lands", and "As I Remember Him".

National Boys and Girls Week, April 26 to May 3, was observed by a Spring Book Parade in the Parmly Billings Memorial Library Children's Room. One Hundred and five new books for children were on display throughout the week, all to go into circulation on the last day of the event.

The staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library has been officially organized with the election of officers being held shortly after the new year. Miss Dorothy Huston, Reference Librarian, was elected president, Miss Virginia Sanders, Catalog Librarian, secretary and Miss Olive Brain, Children's Librarian, treasurer. The meetings are held the second Monday of every month with a program varying from book reviews to open discussions by the staff members.

Big Timber Carnegie Library - Mrs. Sarah Fallang, Librarian

From the proceeds derived from sponsoring a series of vanishing teas, the Senior Woman's Club has this year presented the library with nine books of current fiction, seven non-fiction and two juvenile books. This is the third year that a number of books have been added to the library through this source.

We are pleased to announce that an immediate response followed Miss Phelps' introduction last March of the "new librarian at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory". Miss Catherine Baker has written that she is interested in M.S.L.A. and will soon be a member of the group.

Miss Baker comes to Hamilton from Spokane where she was assistant librarian at both Lewis and Clark, and North Central high schools. Previous to that service she was librarian of the senior high school in Wenatchee, Washington, and earlier, librarian of Whitworth College, Spokane. Her education was obtained in the University of Idaho, the University of California at Berkeley (with a graduate year in the School of Librarianship), the University of Washington (receiving an M.A. degree there while also working in the law library), with summers spent on various campuses.

Miss Baker was asked for a brief description of the work of the Laboratory and her interesting reply is here given: "A very important part of the work is the indexing of current periodicals, since it is essential that the staff be kept informed of research going on in their various fields. Primary subjects of interest are medical entomology and virus and rickettsial diseases. The library receives about 150 serials, which are examined for items of importance. Reprints of scientific papers, of which we have between three and four thousand, form an essential part of our collection. The book collection is small, but growing steadily through purchases. About twice a month, the library issues its own "What's New", listing papers indexed, new books, and bibliofilms. Because the library is new, we find microfilms very useful for older publications. We are also very much obligated to other libraries for their generosity in lending us material which we do not have. Both Montana State University and Montana State College have been very kind in the matter of loans, though we also borrow from the University of Oregon Medical School library, the University of California, the Department of Agriculture library, and others."

Thompson-Hickman Free County Library - Mrs. Florence Thomas, Librarian

We have 6600 volumes and maintain 17 deposit stations. These are mostly at the rural schools. As the funds are rather limited, they are taken care of by the teachers in the schools and volunteer workers in the other places. A few new volumes are added each year so the library is slowly growing.

Carnegie City Library - Dorothy J. Phelps, Librarian

The staff of this library was so busy preparing for the Spring Festival in the Juvenile Department that they report a lack of time for adequate collection of news. Books are displayed through National Boys and Girls Week, with all the schools turning out to examine them, and then having a big day on Saturday when these books go into circulation.

Carroll College Library, Helena - Mary Mudd, Librarian

Two notices: The library was honored to receive about 300 excellent volumes from the personal library of the late Dr. H. H. Swain, executive secretary of the Greater University.

Mary Mudd is leaving Carroll College to become a June bride.

Havre Public Library - Mrs. Emlyn Benson, Librarian

Carol Linebarger, who graduates from the Northern Montana College in June, has accepted a position for the summer months in the Extension office of the Montana State College. Miss Linebarger has assisted in the Havre Public Library for the past five years, while attending high school and college.

The M.S.L.A. history is being compiled in accordance with the wishes of the association at the Billings meeting. The period covered to date is from the organization of the association in 1906-1928.

The recataloguing of this library is being done as a continuous piece of work. Started last year, it is planned that the task will be completed by the middle of the 1941-42 school year. With this improved service the circulation has increased very much. Comparative figures: total circulation 1939-40 was 12,108, while at the end of the eighth month this year the total is 14,817.

Congratulations on your splendid work there, Miss Nimmo!

APPOINTMENT

Olive Brain is serving as chairman for Montana in the Children's Section of A.L.A. Her appointment was made by Dorothy Lyon, who is Western States Division Chairman of the Professional Training Committee. Miss Brain states that the purpose of the committee is distribution of pamphlet material on children's work, and also lists of accredited library schools offering courses in children's work. Anyone who is interested in the material may obtain it from Miss Brain, Children's Librarian, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings.

ANSWER

From Miss Louise Fernald, Librarian, Great Falls Public Library

In the last bulletin a question was asked regarding hours of opening and the required hours per week for staff members. The Great Falls Public Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. week days and 3 to 9 p.m. on Sundays. Each staff member works 38 hours per week, 3 hours on Sunday once a month, 7 hours a day with one half day holiday per week.

As to registration in Great Falls, this is continuous, some portion being done each day with the result that the whole is completed in the four years period.

We make a great point of our work with the pre-school child. Books on the subject are placed on our Parent Teacher shelves and in the Children's Room. Several hundred picture books have been purchased for the Mother to show the beautiful illustrations and to read the stories to the children.

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* Sponsorship for the next issue will be decided upon at the Montana State Library Association meeting in Miles City.

Following the precedent set by last year's Bulletin this issue gives a digest of the minutes of the Montana State Library Association meeting in Miles City June 9 and 10, 1941.

The Association members were the Sunday night supper guests of the Board of Trustees and the Staff of the Carnegie Public Library, Miles City, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Brockway and later guests of the Liberty Theatre. The beautiful bouquets of flowers at the meetings were provided by the women's clubs and P. E. O. chapters of Miles City through the courtesy of Mrs. R. M. Douglass.

June 9 Monday

THE 28TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION opened at 9 A.M., June 9, with the registration at the new Milligan Hotel of 23 members.

At 10 A.M. in the Elks Home the meeting was called to order by Clara Main, vice-president, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Mary L. McEwen, President. Lou Grill, President, Board of Trustees Miles City Public Library, extended greetings and then presented the Honorable F. J. Jelinek, Mayor, who extended the city's welcome and announced that June 10 would be proclaimed Laura Zook day in appreciation of Mrs. Zook's 39 years' service as the librarian of the Carnegie Public Library, Miles City. Miss Main responded in behalf of the Montana State Librarians Association. Ellon Torgrimson was appointed to act as secretary in the absence of Lucille Herian. Messages from Dr. G. H. Vande

"The meeting at Miles City was good because everybody helped to make it so and similar cooperation will mean a large degree of success for us in the program we have set.

"Preparation for the 1943 legislative year must be made now. Full effort of the Association will go toward securing the passage of the revised State Library Extension Commission Law (Montana Statutes 1575.1-1575.2) with an appropriation to bring the Commission into operation. Certification laws and methods of voluntary certification in other states will be studied and submitted to the Commission Board by the certification committee with the recommendation that voluntary certification be continued by the Commission.

"Membership in the Montana State Library Association is evidence of each librarian's interest and willingness to cooperate with this program. The Association will always be as strong as its membership.

"The 1942 meeting will be held in Kalispell, May 4-5. This date should be more convenient for school librarians and conflict less with summer school sessions, budgets and annual reports. Plan to attend the meeting and bring a trustee."

-Doris Ellen Wilson, President
Montana State Library Association

Bogart and Louise Fernald were read.

The minutes of the 26th annual meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted (see page 4) Helen Goss reported on her compilation of the Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians, June 1941. As result of the discussion of financing the Directory a motion was made and carried that the money from the sale revert to Montana State College, any deficit to be assumed by the college, any profit to revert to the Association's treasury. The Association expressed its thanks to Miss Goss for the excellence of the directory.

The report of the PLANNING COMMITTEE was presented by Nina Ford, Chairman. House Bill 29 defining the members, terms, general duties and powers of the State Library Extension Commission and providing for the issue of professional librarian's certificates passed the House but failed in the Senate. The bill for an appropriation for the commission was dropped since there seemed to be no chance for its passage. Members of the planning committee were: Doris Wilson,

Ellen Torgrimson, Elsie Lundborg, Elizabeth McDonald, Winifred Feigner, Mrs. Sally D. Falkner and Mrs. M. G. Burlingame. Mrs. Mabel T. Miller, Mrs. M. G. Burlingame, Mary Mudd, Margaret Fulmer, Miss Lundborg, Miss Torgrimson and Miss Ford appeared before House Committees.

The report on AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REORGANIZATION was given by Doris Wilson, pointing out the following changes: distribution of representation to cover all sections of the country; representation of lower salaried groups in the government of American Library Association; state representation of the Council if it has 50 ALA members with an additional representative for each 250 ALA members, or representation through a regional association; weeding out of inactive or overlapping sections; graduated scale of dues based on salary.

THE MSLA HAS 1941 PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP OF 65 as contrasted with a 22 average during the past ten years, Dorothy Huston, chairman of the membership committee reported. Other members of the committee: Mrs. Emlyn Benson, Mrs. Mildred H. Grave, Ruth Sultzer, Evelyn Eccles, Mrs. Hazel R. Christiansen, Mrs. Leon Coombs, Miss Lundborg and Miss Goss.

THE HISTORY OF THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION compiled from the organization in 1906 to 1928 by Mrs. Benson was read. Among the interesting items in the history: Granville Stuart was the first president; from the beginning the Association has worked for the establishment of a state library agency and state-wide library service. A motion was made and carried that the historian be instructed to keep a complete file of the MSLA Bulletins, a scrap book of conventions and reports, and a copy of the Association's constitution and by-laws.

Miss Main appointed the following committees: Nominating: Miss Fulmer, Miss Goss, Mrs. Christiansen. Resolutions: Mrs. Lois B. Payson, Miss Ford, and Mrs. Benson

"The greatest tribute that has ever been paid to libraries has been and is being paid today by Adolf Hitler. He is afraid of them: he is destroying some of them, he is carrying others off to Germany. He is afraid of the contribution they make to the mind and spirit of man. He is afraid of the truths they contain."

-ALA Presidential address, 1941
Essae Martha Culver

At 12 M. the Association joined the Kiwanis Club at lunch at the Met Cafe. Kathleen Campbell spoke on Montana's state-wide library needs and urged their motion of regional libraries.

The meeting adjourned.

At 1:30 P. M. the meeting reconvened at the Elks Home.

The report for the MSLA ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE was given by Miss Fulmer, Chairman. The Committee's objectives for the year were outlined, namely, to increase interest in understanding of the library in adult education, to stimulate and advise in the establishment of adult education services in libraries and to cooperate with the ALA and PNLA adult education committees. The People's Library and the ALA Booklist supplements were displayed.

In the discussion of NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE LIBRARY Mrs. Payson pointed out that libraries in the United States will be called upon to play an important role in the defense program. Through technical and vocational books libraries have an opportunity to reach individuals and groups not ordinarily library minded. On libraries also falls the responsibility of furnishing books on the democratic way of life and on relations with Latin America.

AIMS OF THE WPA STATE-WIDE LIBRARY PROJECT were presented by Mr. Arnold L. Oleson, Chief Public Activities Section, WPA. These aims are: assistance in establishing public libraries; repair of books; community library operation; bookmobile. Vera Grazier, Acting Supervisor, WPA State-wide Library Project gave figures and descriptions of the work in the four counties where the bookmobile is operating.

On the NEW BOOKS ROUND TABLE conducted by Mrs. Benson, Miss Campbell presented the plan for a browsing room at Montana State University Library. Miss Huston discussed a selected group of new reference books and Mrs. Benson covered current books of general interest.

IN THE CONCLUDING BUSINESS OF THE FIRST DAY'S MEETING Miss Campbell suggested that since the Association is a small group that the planning committee be discontinued and that the officers act as an executive council with the authority to appoint legislative committees when necessary. This motion was carried. Miss Ford stated that it is possible to interpret the State Library Extension Commission law to allow the Commission to assume certification duties and suggested that the Commission be authorized to continue the voluntary certification project and issue certificates and that the Association put aside further attempts to secure a certification law until the existing SLEC law is revised, its membership enlarged, and an appropriation secured for its operation. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to study certification laws and forms of voluntary certification in other states and to present this plan to SLEC with the request from the MSLA that the Commission proceed with voluntary certification. Miss Main appointed the following certification committee: Miss Ford, Chairman, Miss Fulmer and Mrs. Falkner.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. W. T. PERHAM, GLENDIVE, SPOKE ON HER RECENT EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA at the dinner for trustees, friends-of-libraries and librarians at Kempton's ranch near Terry.

June 10, Tuesday

The meeting was called to order at 9:00A.M. at the Elks Home by Miss Main, who read a tribute to Mrs. Gladys Sibbert Cutter, former children's librarian, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, who was killed in an automobile accident May 10.

The secretary read the minutes of Monday's meeting which were approved. The treasurer presented bills which were approved.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS--WHERE DOES MONTANA BELONG? by Miss Targrimson presented the possibility of Montana's withdrawal from PNLA and joining with the Rocky Mountain Regional Association if such an association was formed. Discussion followed with a majority wishing to remain with PNLA.

NEW BUSINESS INCLUDED: presentation by Miss Wilson of the renewal of the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound book rate which expires June 30 and urging the Association and all members to write our congressmen asking for the renewal of this rate; the request of Lucile Speer, by Miss Campbell, that action be taken on the matter of Montana's representation in the ALA Council with the decision by motion that as long as Montana has the required 50 ALA membership that Montana be represented as a state. The president appointed Mrs. Benson to represent the MSLA at the ALA conference in Boston, June 19-25.

THE PRELIMINARY PLANS OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE were reported by Miss Ford as follows: that letters would be sent to other states and to the ALA requesting information concerning certification laws and sample forms, that the SLEC be authorized to make plans for voluntary certification to be presented at the 1942 meeting. The report was accepted and a motion made and carried that the Commission be given this authority to act.

THE EXPIRATION OF DR. G. H. VANDE BOGART'S TERM July 1 as a member of the SLEC Board was presented. A motion was made and carried that the new executive council submit a list of five names to the Governor complying with the SLEC law, with the request for Dr. Vande Bogart's reappointment.

CONTINUATION OF THE DIRECTORY WITH AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT to keep it up-to-date, and the cost of obtaining the directory information was presented by Miss Goss. It was moved and carried that the Association honor directory bills to the amount of \$15.00 plus the mailing costs of copies provided for the secretary, historian, ALA, PNLA, a marked copy for the mailing list of the Bulletin and the Directory compiler.

THE NEED FOR STATE-WIDE LIBRARY PUBLICITY and each librarian's responsibility for library publicity in her own community was discussed. A motion was made and carried that a publicity chairman be appointed by the executive council with the additional duty of routing the Bulletin

The Resolutions Committee's report was presented by Mrs. Payson and accepted.

The Nominating Committee's report as follows was accepted:

President	Doris Ellen Wilson
Vice-president & president elect	Ellen Torgrimson
Secretary	Mrs. Leon Coombs
Treasurer & chairman of membership	Mrs. Hazel R. Christiansen

The Executive Council made the following committee appointments:

Certification	Nina Ford
Historian	Mrs. Emlyn Benson
Adult Education	Dorothy Huston
Publicity	Margaret Fulmer

THE TREASURER'S REPORT for the MSLA for the year May 1940-June 1941

Receipts

Balance forwarded from Lucille Grove	\$ 34.20
Dues collected from members	62.00
Special contributions paid	<u>12.00</u>
Total	\$ 108.20

Expenditures

Paid to Mina Ford for expenses of the MSLA Planning Committee	\$ 5.86
Paid to Ellen Torgrimson Edith Gantt's expenses	7.00
Paid to Dr. R. R. Renne for traveling expenses in connection with the 1940 MSLA meeting	8.52
Paid to the Northern Hotel for Dr. Renne's expenses	4.10
Paid to Bess Adams for minutes taken at an MSLA Executive Committee meeting, November 6, 1939	2.50
Paid to the Board of Trustees of Parmly Billings Memorial Library balance due for expenses in connection with 1939 legislative program	50.00
Exchange on checks	.30
Money order fee	<u>.10</u>
Total	\$ 78.39

Balance on hand June 9, 1941	\$ 29.82
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GOVERNOR SAM C. FORD REAPPOINTED DR. G. H. VANDE BOGART, President, Northern Montana College, to the SLEC Board, July 1, for another three-year term. Dr. Vande Bogart's understanding and efforts in behalf of state-wide library service make him a valuable member of the Commission. Other members of the commission are: Kathleen Campbell, Chairman, and Elizabeth Ireland, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MISS HARRIET C. LONG, LIBRARIAN, STATE LIBRARY, SALEM, OREGON, died July 4, 1941. Miss Long has been head of the Oregon State Library since 1930. From 1920-1930 she was chief of the Traveling Library Department of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. In earlier years she worked in county libraries in California and Ohio and did war work with the American Library Association on the Mexican border in 1918 and France and Germany in 1919. She received a B.A. from the University of Nebraska in 1908 and a B.L.S. from the New York State Library School in 1910. She published County Library Service in 1925 and contributed frequently to professional journals.

THE 63RD ANNUAL ALA CONFERENCE WAS HELD in Boston June 19-25 with 4,340 librarians, trustees and friends-of-libraries present. "Deeds, Not Words" was the conference theme with most of the meetings centering around the importance of libraries and books in the present world crisis. The importance of library cooperation with Latin America was emphasized. Books are needed which present American ideas fairly and in the Spanish language.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE "Libraries are directly and immediately involved in the conflict which divides our world, and for two reasons: first, because they are essential to the functioning of democratic society; second, because the contemporary conflict touches the integrity of scholarship, the freedom of the mind, and even the survival of culture, and libraries are the great tool of scholarship, the great repositories of culture, the great symbols of the freedom of the mind."

THE NEWBERRY AWARD for the most distinguished book for children published in 1940 was given to Armstrong Sperry for "Call it Courage," published by Macmillan Company. THE CALDECOTT MEDAL for the most distinguished picture book went to Robert Lawson for "They Were Strong and Good," published by Viking Press. Autographed copies of both books may be purchased from the publishers. THE WHITE AWARD for the outstanding contribution to published professional literature went to Anne Eaton, Librarian, Lincoln School, New York City, for "Reading with Children."

FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES were cited for their service to American libraries: William E. Marcus, trustee of the Montclair New Jersey Public Library, for his writings in the library field and his constructive interest in personnel problems; and Rush Burton, Editor, Lavonia Times, Lavonia, Georgia, for his active interest in the extension of library service throughout Georgia.

"FORWARD WITH BOOKS" is the slogan for Children's Book Week, November 2-8. Write Book Week Headquarters, 62 West 45th Street, New York City, for posters and other suggestions for observance.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION will be moved to Teachers College, Columbia University, October 1, and become associated with the newly established Institute of Adult Education which will be financed by a \$350,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation. Morse A. Cartwright, director of the AAAE since 1926, will continue as director and an officer of the new Institute.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, meeting jointly with the British Columbia, Oregon and Washington Library Associations, will be held at Victoria, B. C., August 23-24. Miss Virginia Sanders, Catalog Librarian, and Miss Olive Brain, Children's Librarian, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, will attend the meeting. Miss Sanders will present a discussion of "Understanding the Reader" at the Adult Education Committee's round table.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES should be filed with the SLEC. These reports provide the basic figures in stating Montana's state-wide library needs, and provide comparisons and standards. Please mail a copy of your library's annual report at once to Kathleen Campbell, Librarian, Montana State University Library and chairman of the SLEC Board.

WHO LOST a nice white linen handkerchief with Swiss embroidery at the MSLA meeting? Owner may claim by writing the PBML.

EXTRA COPIES OF NEW REFERENCE BOOKS, a list of recommended titles, compiled by Dorothy Huston, for the new books round table at the MSLA Meeting are available by writing the PBML.

LUCILE SPEER, Documents and Serials Librarian, MSUL, submits the following want list for copies of the MSLA BULLETIN to complete the Library's file: Vol. 1 No. 2, Sept.-Oct. 1939; Vol. 2 No. 2, Sept.-Oct. 1940.

BARBARA LINDWEDEL, Billings, assistant on the staff of the PBML the past two years, is resigning September 1 to attend Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. Miss Lindwedel plans to get her B A Degree and to follow with library school training.

A BELIEVE IT OR NOT NOTEBOOK of humorous and unusual questions and requests received at the Loan Desk is being compiled by Zella Barron, Assistant, PBML. Contributions from other libraries will be welcomed.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW--

Who is librarian of the Stevensville Public Library?
How large the library is at the Northern Montana College?
What hours the Park County High School Library is open?
If the Fairfield Public Library is sponsored by the woman's club?
The population in the area served by the Wolf Point City Library?

All this information -- and more -- may be found in the new MSLA
Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians now available from Helen
I. Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman, for just 35 cents.
Send for yours today!

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Vol. 3	No. 5	March-April	GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
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AROUND THE STATE

Kalispell City Library: Kalispell is to be the hostess city for the Montana Library Association in May 1942. Miss Phelps writes to urge that everyone start making plans for attendance there and she states that suggestions will be gratefully received.

The City Library starts its fall season with a substantial increase in circulation, figures for September 1940 being 6000 plus while those for September 1941 are 7000 plus. The average is 280 plus for every working day.

Patricia Gibbons gives a radio program each Saturday afternoon which is designed for the juvenile readers and their parents. Miss Phelps reports a response that indicates the plan to be a successful one. This library has a new checking desk (Gaylord - four section, with rounded corners) which speeds up service and adds to the appearance of the room, making the library look larger because the desk is so compact. Atwater's new book, "Flaming Forest" was a recent gift - the author is a Glacier County resident. The juvenile room is brightened by decoration around the top shelves of a series of book jackets.

Great Falls Public Library: Miss Fernald spent part of her vacation this summer in visiting her old library in Rochester, Minnesota. She reports a beautiful new building, the basement of which is used by the Olmstead County Historical Society as a Museum.

Miss Josephine Trigg was honored at the annual public relations dinner of the Business and Professional Women's Club on October 7th. Miss Trigg spoke on the subject, "The library, a school for democracy."

Northern Montana College, Havre: Miss Ruth A. Eismann writes that her library was remodelled during the summer so that she now has a periodical and reference room in addition to the general reading room, and a new office. She will welcome news for the next bulletin.

Havre Public Library: Mrs. Benson reports that she and Miss Crouch, School of Mines Library, attended A.L.A. Miss Geiger of the Missoula High School Library was also there.

Carol Linebarger who worked in the Havre Public Library for a number of years, while attending high school and college, is attending Montana State University, and is employed in the Library as a student assistant.

Flathead County High School, Kalispell: Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe reports: "Up to date we have given library instruction to five Freshman classes. This fall we added a new set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. We are proud to own a new display truck to be used in the reading room. We plan to use it for special book displays." Mildred Grawe also adds her plea for suggestions for the MSIA program so Kalispell will be all ready for the convention there next May.

Montana State College Library, Bozeman: In June all the author cards in the catalog were "pulled" for photographing by workers in charge of Miss Clara Kelly of the University of Washington Library. The College holdings will be incorporated with the Union Catalog which will serve the Pacific Northwest as a regional bibliographical center. Thirteen thousand cards a day were

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photographed according to processes which Miss Kelly has perfected. Since the author cards were already out, it was decided to divide the card catalog into two parts: an Author Title Catalog and a Subject Catalog. This work has now been completed and seems to be functioning satisfactorily.

Miss Kelly and her crew of workers also photographed the cards in the Montana State University Library, the State Historical Library, and the School of Mines Library.

MISS MAIN RETIRES

The resignation of Miss Clara M. Main from the Carnegie Public Library at Lewistown after twenty-eight years as head librarian there, became effective October 1st. Miss Main previously had worked in a Carnegie Library at Pittsfield, Illinois.

During her years of library activity, Miss Main has been honored by many offices and appointments, serving two years as secretary and two years as president of the M.S.L.A. Her appointment to the Montana State Library Commission, on which she served for three years, was the first appointment made by Governor Erickson after the Commission became a law, the other two members being ex officio.

Miss Main plans to spend the winter in California and return to Lewistown after a visit to her old home in Illinois. She will spend part of each year in Lewistown. Miss Main has endeared herself to the people of Lewistown and has made a real contribution to library work in Montana. Not only will she be missed in her own community but also by her colleagues in the library profession who will remember her always for her enthusiasm, and for her untiring efforts and interest in library service.

Miss Main is succeeded by Corinne Bonde who has completed the work in Library Economy at Montana State University. Miss Bonde was an assistant in the Carnegie Library at Kalispell before she enrolled in the University and has therefore had experience in this branch of library work. She was also employed for a time in the Languille Bindery at Spokane, Washington. She was in charge of mending while at the University, and also served as a full-time student assistant.

P.N.L.A.

The twelve Montana librarians attending P.N.L.A. in Victoria met for luncheon at the Empress Hotel the third day of the convention, Friday, August 29th. Present were Bessie Sestak, Great Falls Public Library; Margie Ann Crawford, Chouteau County Library, Fort Benton; Geneva Cook, Bozeman Public Library; Olive Brain and Virginia Sanders, Parmly Billings Memorial Library; Nina Ford and Nelle Maxey, Missoula Public Library; Lois B. Payson, Montana State College Library; and Kathleen Campbell, Ruby Egbert, Lucile Speer and Dorothy Peterson, Montana State University Library. In addition, Nellie L. Glass of the WPA Library Section, Washington, D. C., attended the luncheon.

An active part in the convention was taken by Miss Speer and Miss Campbell, who served on the Reorganization and Necrology Committees, respectively. Miss Campbell presented a paper on the Bibliographic Center at a general session, and a paper on advising readers was given by Miss Sanders in a section meeting. Miss Peterson read a paper prepared by Miss Campbell in the county libraries section meeting, where Miss Ford assisted the chairman in conducting a round table discussion on county library budgets. Appointments for the coming year include that of Miss Egbert as chairman of the cataloging section.

NOTES

The recently appointed librarian of the Butte Public Library is Mrs. Margaret McCarthy. As Margaret Sullivan she graduated from the University in 1927.

Miss Patricia J. Tout, Harlem, Montana, who holds a B. S. degree in library science, University of Minnesota, has been appointed to the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial library and began her duties as assistant in charge of circulation and work with young adults, September 2. Miss Tout replaces Miss Barbara Lindwedell who is attending Valparaiso University.

Succeeding Eveline Eccles who resigned her position as librarian at the Lewistown high school to go to her home in Kansas to look after business interests, is Vera Grazier from Dixon. Miss Grazier graduated from the School of Library Science, Montana State University, in 1938.

New assistant at the Chouteau County Free Library is Margie Ann Crawford. Gwen Benson, former assistant, was married on August 6 at Bellingham, Washington, to Lieut. Donald Nottingham in the Medical Corps at Fort Lewis. He is a graduate of the high school at Geraldine, Montana, and of the Dentistry School at the University of Minnesota. He practiced for a short time in Fort Benton before being called into active service. They are at home at Olympia, Washington, Route 7, Box 364. Gwen's family and Don's mother drove out to Bellingham to attend the wedding, which took place at the home of a minister friend of the Bensons'.

Miss Lucille Herian has resigned from the staff of Montana State College Library to do graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle. Miss Helen Goss has been promoted to take over Miss Herian's work and Miss Jeane Lewis, who has completed the courses in Library Economy at Montana State University, has been appointed to fill the junior assistantship on the State College staff.

Carol Rowe, Helena, a graduate of the University of Montana 1941, is now teaching English in the Plains High School and is in charge of the school library. She reports a fine beginning collection of 1000 books.

Catherine McRaith has returned to her former position as librarian at Carroll College, Helena. She was the librarian there for about eight years prior to 1937 and has since served as head librarian at Villanova College, Pennsylvania. Miss McRaith is a graduate of St. Catherine's College, St. Paul.

Miss Margery Bedinger, Chief, Science and Engineering Department, Denver Public Library, offers free to Montana libraries the following list of technical books:

Selected list of books to be used with vocational training and national defense program

New Books List, January - April 1941

Reading Lists on: Elementary metallurgy; Blue print reading and shop mechanics; Blacksmithing and forging; Patternmaking and founding; Welding; Sheet metal working; Airplane motors.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Omitted from the July-August issue of the bulletin in reporting the 28th annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association were the following items:

The Montana State Library Association, Tuesday, June 10th, at 12 M. joined the Rotary Club at lunch at the Met Cafe. Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Miles City, spoke on her "Early Day Experiences As a Librarian in Montana." Mrs. Martin was one of the first four trained librarians to come to Montana.

At 1:30, open house was held at the Carnegie Public Library followed by a sight-seeing trip over Miles City. At 3:30 librarians, trustees, and friends of the librarians attended a tea at the Elks' home. Mrs. Lois B. Payson spoke on "A Year in Mexico." Miss Sally Marie Falkner played several concertos.

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Helen I. Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman

TO ALL MONTANA LIBRARIANS

Work has already begun on the supplement to the DIRECTORY OF MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS. It is to include all changes in and additions to the information given in the Directory as well as complete information for all other libraries we can discover throughout the state. I am asking you librarians to help me, If there are changes or additions to be made for your library, or someone else's of which you may know, will you give me that information? If you know a library, of any type, anywhere in the state which was not included in the Directory, will you send me the name and address of that library? Never hesitate to give me information on the supposition that I probably already know it. It is better to be sure that I do. So, for the cooperation I know you will be willing to give, thank you.

Helen I. Goss
M.S.C. Library, Bozeman

PUBLICITY

The Billings Gazette will release over its AP wire to Montana newspapers news about Montana libraries and librarians if it is news - so, please send any timely items or suggestions to Margaret Fulmer, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, who will need assistance from all the librarians in this state-wide library publicity effort for the M S L A.

Attention!

The American Library Association wishes to receive three copies of all future issues of this Bulletin, and would like to fill in lacks, which are as follows:

vol. 1, nos 3 and 6; v.2, nos. 1,2,4,5,6; v.3, no.1.

Will the various editors please supply these? Address them to:

Harriette L. Greene, Librarian
A.L.A., 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

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The schedule for the forthcoming issues of the M S L A Bulletin and the editors is as follows:

November - December	Miss Ruth Eisman, Librarian Northern Montana College Library, Havre
January - February	Miss Elsie Lundborg, Librarian Helena High School Library
March - April	Miss Louise M. Fernald, Librarian Great Falls Public Library
May - June	Miss Ellen Torgrimson, Librarian Chouteau County Library, Fort Benton

Please send news items in advance to the editors.

To the Montana State Library Association

There are at the present time only 46 paid-up members in our Montana State Library Association. It is very important that every librarian, both school and public, become a member of our organization. We need a large and active State Association, and the only way this can be accomplished is through every librarian in the state becoming an active member. A large membership will make us better able to develop and improve our library service in our large and sparsely settled state.

If the representative of the Membership Committee in your district has not as yet contacted you, please either send your dues to her or direct to me. Following is the list of the Committee and the district each is in charge of:

Havre District -- Mrs. C. E. O'Brien, Librarian
Blaine County Library, Chinook, Montana
Libby District -- Miss Inez Ratekin, Librarian
Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, Montana
Billings District -- Miss Pauline Rich, Librarian
Eastern Montana Normal School, Billings
Great Falls - Lewistown District -- Miss Louise Fernald, Lib.
Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls
Helena District -- Mrs. Mabel Miller, Librarian
Helena Public Library, Helena, Montana
Butte District -- Miss Guinevere E. Crouch, Librarian
Montana School of Mines, Butte, Montana
Bozeman District -- Miss Geneva Cook, Librarian
Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman, Montana
Miles City District -- Mrs. Sally Faulkner, Children's Lib.
Carnegie Public Library, Miles City

I greatly appreciate the fact that each person I asked to serve on this committee accepted the added responsibility, and I expect great results from this splendid group of people. I sincerely hope each one will receive one-hundred per-cent response from those in her district.

(Mrs) Hazel Christiansen, State Membership
Chairman
Montana State Library Association
Hardin, Montana.

American Library Association Conference Notes

Miss Guinevere E. Crouch, Librarian of the Montana School of Mines, who attended the A. L. A. meeting in Boston last June, sends us the following splendid report:

"The setting of the A. L. A. Conference in Boston with its historical landmarks, if nothing more, would have made this year's conference an outstanding one. Among the highlights of the Convention were the speeches at the general sessions. President James Bryant Conant, Harvard University and Charles R. Sanderson, Toronto Public Library, spoke at the second general session held in Sever Square on the Harvard Campus. A buffet luncheon was afterward served in the Harvard Yard.

The individual section meetings were very worthwhile. Those which I attended were mostly in the college and university library fields. Mr. Ford K. Brown of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., gave a very interesting talk entitled, "The Battle of Books: the St. John's Program." Most everyone who read the article in Life, perhaps a year and a half ago, has been interested in the system of a four-year liberal arts course centered around 100 or more of the classics. It is a new development in higher education and is perhaps still very

much in an experimental stage, but well worth watching.

The University Libraries Section had a very informative joint meeting with the Committee on Photographic Reproduction of Library Materials in which a number of illustrated talks were given on microphotographic equipment and its application to the library field. Since the acquiring of a microfilm reading machine here at the Montana School of Mines Library, we have been able to secure out-of-print references which we lacked and have found it to be very inexpensive.

A meeting of Engineering School librarians, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was particularly interesting to me. As you know, there has never before been a section in A.L.A. for librarians of Engineering Schools. This meeting was called for the purpose of gaining an expression of opinion of whether or not there was a need for organizing such a group. It was almost unanimously voted in the affirmative by those present, representing various colleges and universities over the country. A committee was appointed for further consideration of the proposal. It is true that the problems of these librarians differ markedly from those of liberal arts college and university librarians, and while their work lies in the field of technology, their particular needs are not well met by the A.L.A. Business and Technology Section. Tours were made through some of the technical laboratories of the Institute.

There were numerous other meetings that would have been particularly interesting to the librarians of public libraries. The schedule of meetings is so full that it might almost be called the one colossal drawback of an A.L.A. Convention.

One other M. S. L. A. member, with whom it was my pleasure to spend some few scattered moments between meetings, was Mrs. Emyln Benson of Havre. One does have to take time off to eat even in the mad rush of a convention, and so we visited over our coffee cups at a breakfast and a lunch! I think that Mrs. Benson would join me in saying that this year's A.L.A. Conference was exceedingly worthwhile, with enough emphasis upon the present world crisis to make the meeting timely without being depressing.

Pacific Northwest Library Association Notes

Mrs. Lois B. Payson of Montana State College Library, Bozaman, sent in this very interesting resume of the Pre-Conference Institute on Adult Education which preceded the P. N. L. A. sessions.

"A goodly number of librarians came to Victoria early for the Institute and felt fortunate in having done so because the discussions which developed during the panel discussion were most interesting and to the point.

Miss Alice Frost, reader's advisor of the Seattle Public Library, acted as chairman, and Dr. Linden Mander of the Department of Political Science in the University of Washington led the discussion. Dr. Mander looks to the Colleges and Universities to perfect a very active and workable system of adult education which will reach into the smallest communities, interesting people in the problems and responsibilities of democracy through discussion groups, programs, etc., conducted by members of university faculties and graduate student groups. The libraries of each state must implement such programs and discussions with reading and publicity material.

Miss Margaret Clay of the Victoria Public Library told of her library's work with citizen's groups in the city and its environs and with the military units which have made a need for reading materials in technologic as well as recreational fields so great as to overtax all the resources of the library.

Miss Helen Johns described the system which she has worked out at the University of Washington Library for interesting students in additional reading and in helping them with their reading problems.

Mr. Chris Stevenson, Assistant Area Supervisor, W.P.A. Statewide Library Project, brought what has too often been a project in name only down to brass tacks with his description of what the Project has accomplished in Washington, where even the districts most isolated have been brought into contact with some library service. The W.P.A. has filled a need which state and local communities have never touched.

"Miss Alice Frost spoke of the counselling service at the Seattle Public, using the case-method to illustrate help given in solving individual needs for specialized material. A difficulty the reader's advisor is sure to meet is that of the maladjusted borrower who should be urged to consult a psychiatrist!

Discussion following each viewpoint showed how keenly interested progressive librarians are in this field of adult education, and how much more is crying to be done if all the population is to be reached and given inspiration in the ways of democracy. Limited staff, limited funds, limited book collections are barring the way, but an aggressive program and a co-ordinating of plans for states or regions, working with the educational systems, will clear the way for citizen's demands for these services. When citizens demand services, a way is usually found to pay for them."

Miss Kathleen Campbell of Montana State University at Missoula, who also attended the P.N.L.A. meeting, writes as follows:

"I was very interested in one phase of the program, and that was the Bibliographic Center. The Center interests me tremendously since I was in the Denver Library when the Bibliographical Center for the Rocky Mountain Region was organized and I saw it grow to a real "service library" for the region. I think that the Bibliographic Center at the University of Washington, too, can become a regional library, rendering many services to all libraries in the Pacific Northwest Region whether public or college; and I was delighted to learn in talking with various librarians at the conference that there was a good deal of enthusiasm on their part in seeing this center grow into a regional library."

Around the State

Montana School of Mines, Bozeman: The trustees of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, on October 16, 1941, appropriated \$3,000.00 payable in three equal annual installments, to Montana School of Mines, for development of its library through purchase of books for general reading.

Big Horn County Library, Hardin, Montana: Book Week proved to be an exceedingly busy one at our library. All students in the schools, both high school and grades visited us during the week. Each class with their teacher spent an hour enjoying the many attractive new books on display and received instruction on how to use the library. Many adults and out of town children also visited during the week.

A Book Week Poster Contest sponsored by the library for all schools in the county brought in many interesting posters from all the county. The judges gave the posters from Crow Agency School first place, Pryor second and St Xavier third. A new book will be given the prize winners, each school selecting the book they wish.

Saturday, November 8th, was Public Library Day. We had a short interesting program in the afternoon, including a splendid talk, "Forward with Books" by Miss Edna Tobias, one of our local teachers. The American Legion Auxiliary served tea after the program. The table was beautiful with lace cloth, red and white flowers and blue candles. The tea was held on the main floor and it was interesting how effective the background of books was to the affair. Nearly 100 guests from over the county were served. We felt it a very successful day.

We also had a splendid display of new adult books in the window of the Montana Power Office down town during the week. It being brilliantly lighted all night, people enjoyed inspecting the new books at night as well as by day.

One of the rural teachers whose school is miles out of town brought all her students to the library one day during Book Week. It was the first time any of them had been in the library and, needless to say, they were thrilled with everything.

Havre, Montana: Mrs. Evelyn Benson, Librarian of the Havre Public Library for the last 19 years was honored by the Havre Business and Professional Women's Club at the annual public affairs dinner held during National Business Women's Week. Mrs. Benson was presented as one of the earliest business and professional women of Havre. She came to Havre first in 1904 and has made her continuous home here since the close of the first world war. They spoke of Mrs. Benson as one who has taken an active part in church and club affairs of both city and state. She was the first president of the Havre Women's Club and has held various offices since. She has also been president of the Montana Library Association. "From the viewpoint of business, we can say that Mrs. Benson has been engaged in the business of making life happier for others. In spite of her work as a librarian, she is never too busy to take time to do the nice little courtesies of life. She is the type we would all like to be but never reach. She is the one who makes it her business to greet new people at church, to say a friendly word to new teachers, to send flowers and cards to the sick...and to make a thousand and one friendly gestures that make life more pleasant for others...one who in her professional capacity looks after the library needs of Havre, and makes it her business to make Havre a happier, friendlier place."

Publicity Items

The MSLA is to have the Library Publicity Honor Roll for 1941 for exhibit at the MSLA meeting in Kalispell, May 4-5, 1942.

Will Montana librarians please clip and send to Margaret Fulmer, PBML, Billings, library items which appear in local papers so that an MSLA publicity exhibit may be prepared for the meeting?

A gavel handmade from a bough of native red cedar which was planted over sixty years ago on I.D. O'Donnell's Hesper farm west of Billings, has been presented to the MSLA by M.C. Leibold, Hertzberg Craftsmen, Des Moines, Iowa. The gavel will be used by Miss Doris Ellen Wilson, President, Montana State Library Association, in calling the 29th annual meeting of the Association to order in Kalispell, May 4th.

During Book Week, November 2-8, the PBML staff experimented with four broadcasts over KGHL on Book Week, children's books, books for young adults and new books for adults. As a result regular broadcasts over KGHL on new books will be given the first Monday in each month at 3 P/M/ by Miss Virginia Sanders, Miss Patricia J. Tout and Miss Olive Brain.

"Is your child reading the comics?" A collection of book antidotes with issues of True Comics and two reading lists, "Heroes and Supermen" and "Funny Books" prepared as guides for comics readers by Miss Olive Brain, Children's Librarian, was a Book Week exhibit in the PBML. The reading lists will be sent to other librarians on request.

A reading clinic for adults offered by the PBML's adult education service and conducted by Dr. Charles D. Dean, Eastern Montana State Normal School, is being held Wednesday evenings November 5-December 10 at the library. The clinics consist of individual diagnosis to determine reading deficiencies and of aids to overcome these deficiencies in order to increase rate and comprehension in reading. The clinics are free, informal, and open to any adult who wishes to improve his reading habits.

Miss Margery Bedinger, Chief, Science & Engineering Dep't., Public Library, Denver, Colorado, is making an effort to complete the library's holding of certain Montana Documents and is in need of the following:

Montana Highway Commission Biennial report 2 (1919-20)
4-5 (1922-1926)
7 (1929-1930)

Montana Coal Mine Inspector Biennial report 1909-10

Montana Industrial Accident Board, Annual report, 1916-18; 1920; 1922-1923; 1927; 1929; 1931; 1933-39.

Montana Mines Inspector Report: 1888-1889; 1892-1894;
1896; 1898-1899; 1901; 1903; 1904; 1909; 1910.

If your library has unneeded or duplicate copies of these reports
will you please write to Miss Bedinger.

This issue of the M S L A Bulletin has been prepared
by the Northern Montana College Library, Havre, Montana.
For additional copies please write to Miss Ruth A. Eismann,
Librarian. The January-February issue will be prepared
by Miss Elsie Lundborg, Librarian, Helena High School
Library, Helena, Montana. Please forward news items to
her.

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AROUND THE STATE

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY, MISSOULA: On January 1, 1942 the Missoula County Free Library marked the 25th anniversary of its services to the people of Missoula County. It is the only county library in the state that operates under a contract system contracting with the Missoula Public Library for library service to the rural people of the county. The service today is provided through 17 book stations and all the 19 rural schools of the county. Nearly 18,000 books are available to more than 2,500 rural borrowers who read more than 42,000 books a year.

This library has subscribed to the Reader's Digest talking book for the blind. Twelve blind persons in Missoula County have machines for reading the talking book.

New fluorescent lights have been installed in our reading room, the cataloging room, above the charging desk, and in the librarian's office.

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, MILES CITY: The Business and Professional Women of Miles City entertained the girls of the Junior Class at an evening meeting on February 16. Six leading professions for women were presented, as a step in vocational guidance. Mrs. Sally Falkner of the Public Library discussed "Librarianship as a Profession." At the close of the short discussions the meeting divided into panels where each girl was given individual attention.

We have found another way in which the library may do a philanthropic service. I have suggested that our library act as receiving agent for cancelled stamps which are to be forwarded to Queen's Hospital for Children in a poor district of London, England. The largest source of revenue for this hospital is from the sale of cancelled stamps from which dyes are extracted. Bruce H. Tipton, of Jordan, has been doing this for some time. Everyone seems to be anxious to contribute as much as possible at this time and this is something with which everyone can help.

BIG HORN COUNTY LIBRARY, HARDIN: The 1941 report of the Big Horn County Library showed the largest circulation in the history of the library. 80,765 books were loaned, an increase of 8,262 books over the 1940 record. 412 new borrowers were registered. Beside the Hardin Library the three branches at Crow Agency, Lodge Grass and Wyola are reached by this library service.

STILLWATER COUNTY LIBRARY, COLUMBUS: A Friends of the Library group was organized in Columbus on January 22. Assistance in the Victory Book Campaign is its first project. Lack of space prevents the inclusion of further interesting details of its organization. This may be obtained from Miss Zoe Baur, Librarian.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MISSOULA: The Library at Montana University will serve as a "Library of Information" for the state in the national defense program insofar as its staff and budget will permit.

Questions relating to national defense and the economic problems arising from the crisis will be answered; material relating to various phases of national defense will be sent to schools and libraries in the state upon request for use in group discussions, or for individual teachers or speakers; bibliographies will be prepared; and the library will cooperate in every way possible with civic organizations, women's clubs, and other groups throughout the state which are working toward a better understanding by each and every citizen of the purposes, plans, and problems of the defense program.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Remember the meeting at Kalispell, May 4 and 5. The main topic to be discussed is that of the libraries' role in the war and in the war program and the peace, social and economic adjustments to follow the war. We shall hear the report of Miss Ford's committee on certification. Publicity in Individual Libraries is the subject for a round table discussion. We plan to have an able speaker discuss libraries and adult education and we hope to find a place for discussion of bibliographies and information centers for material to answer the needs of our reading public during the war and whatever problems the post-war period presents.

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We are very fortunate in having for our next issue of the bulletin, the March-April issue, a paper prepared by Dr. Renne on the subject of "Taxation" in which he will consider such phases of the question as the federal government's encroachment on local revenues (which go for schools and libraries, etc.) the post-war tax situation; economic conditions, etc. I am sure you will find this article of special interest to each one of you. Dr. Renne has just returned to Montana State College campus after spending the fall semester on the campus at Cornell, New York.

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The following programs are desired by your historian. Anyone having one or more of these will be doing a great favor by sending them to Evelyn Benson, Havre Public Library.

Billings 1910; Missoula 1912; Butte 1914; Helena 1919

The following numbers of the Bulletin are also needed in order to have a complete file to be kept with the history:

Vol 1 - #2, #3, #4, #5

Vol 2 - #1, #2, #4, #5, #6

Vol 3 - #2

The president has asked that installments of the history be added to each Bulletin beginning with the next issue. This is being done so that any library, wishing to do so, will be enabled to have complete record on file.

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Thirty-five cents will bring you accurate and practical knowledge of the library facilities of the state if you will spend that thirty-five cents for a DIRECTORY OF MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS. Send for your copy today; write Helen I. Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman.

The primary purpose of the 1942 supplement of the DIRECTORY OF MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS is to bring the Directory up-to-date. It cannot do that unless every librarian in the state cooperates by sending me the changes in staff or in the open-hours of her library. If the Directory entry for your library is not correct today, send me the correct information today. If someone has left your staff to take another position in the state, also send me the name of the library in which she is not employed. If she is no longer in the state or is no longer in library work, give me that information. Always mention who on your staff has been replaced by the new member. To keep up with changes all over the state is a big job. Please help!-----Helen I. Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman.

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There are now 60 members who have paid their 1941 dues. And believe it or not there are 11 members who have paid their 1942 dues and one with 1943 dues paid. It will not be long before our State Meeting will convene in Kalispell, so I am urging all of you who have not paid your 1941 dues to please do so at once. Either send it to the member of the Membership Committee in your district or send it direct to me. The list of the Committee was in the last Library Bulletin.

Let us make it a banner year with more members than ever before. There were 65 paid up members last year. The Association needs every librarian in the state as a member. The dues are only \$1.00 per year. Send in your dues today before you forget it!! -----Hazel Christiansen, State Membership Chairman, Hardin.

LIBRARIES AND THE WAR

A Statement of Library Policy

Adopted by the Council Of The American Library Association

The United States is at war. The country requires of every profession as of every citizen, the utmost intelligence, realism and devotion.

In a time of war there are certain duties which libraries can best perform.

Every library must organize its services and expenditures without delay to meet the necessities of a nation at war. Each library activity must stand a triple scrutiny.

Will it contribute to victory?

Will it help to make a better America?

Will it help to make a better world?

Whatever fails to meet this test must yield to things more urgent.

More, not less, will be expected of the library. It must meet new demands from men, women and children who are thinking about and working for their country's welfare. The library will require better facilities, not poorer; more books, not fewer; and better work from every librarian.

Library budgets should be protected. Librarians should take full advantage of their opportunities for patriotic service and thus challenge an understanding public support. Economies must be achieved not by reduction of library service as a whole, but by careful selection of the most useful services which demand emphasis, and by higher efficiency in operation.

Officially or unofficially, every library must become a War Information Center in which are currently available the latest facts, reports, directories, regulations and instructions for public use. The urgencies of wartime will frequently require immediate information and quick decisions. The library must therefore step up the tempo of its service. It must foresee and prepare to meet such demands.

The library must supply technical information to industrial defense workers and students. Treatises, manuals and periodicals must be given opportunity--by librarians--to expedite the production of war materials. Engineers, inventors and designers must be assisted--by librarians--to avoid doing over again what has already been well done and recorded. Foremen and instructors must be aided--by librarians--in avoiding slow and costly ways of training apprentices in matters that may be learned quickly from the printed page.

The library must disseminate authentic information and sound teachings in the fields of economics, government, history and international relations. Because this is a war between democracy and totalitarianism, it is a conflict of ideas, theories and political ideals as well as of military weapons. Ignorance of ideas, as of facts, may defeat the noblest intentions. The people of America, and not their soldiers and government officials alone, will make the final decision. To do this the people must not only be informed concerning the issues but must be alert to their significance and implications. The library, more than any other single agency, must aid them in this process.

The library must make available valid interpretations of current facts and events. Manipulations of the truth for any reason, public hysteria or indifference, over-confidence or despair will impair the national war effort. The library can help materially to combat such irrational attitudes by providing not only trust-worthy facts but reasoned interpretation. Freedom of inquiry is one of the basic freedoms which the American people are again fighting to preserve. With such minor limitations as are occasioned by military necessity, librarians will protect the right of inquirers to find in the library material on all sides of controversial questions.

The library must help to relieve the strain of war, by maintaining its supply of recreational reading, for men and women, and especially for children.

The library must help and support postwar planning. Our nation now has a twofold purpose--to win the war and with the victory to help establish a world order of decency, security and human dignity. Already some of the best minds in the country are dealing with postwar problems--plans for employment,

security, and the upbuilding of America; the basic principles of international relations; the practical implications of human geography; the relations of the United States to the whole world, and especially to the other Americas. Ideas are seething, plans are beginning to take form. Librarians can help to prepare the American people for wise decisions on these momentous questions by making known factual information, sound ideas, and rational proposals.

ADULT EDUCATION

The encouraging factor in the midst of chaos is that everywhere people are planning for the postwar world. Through our adult education program, we as librarians, have a responsibility to take a definite part in this planning. Of course, we want to help with civilian defense in every possible way, but just as important is our privilege of giving to people the books that will help them to think intelligently and plan effectively for a peace that must be lasting if it is within our power to make it so. A book that every library should have is The Education of Men in American Democracy, published by the Educational Policies Committee of the National Education Association. For excellent pamphlets that will help to meet the increased demand of technical material be sure to check the list of technical publications of the United States Government given in the The Booklist, December 15, 1941, page 138. The basic and technical manuals of the United States Department of War are especially good and very inexpensive. An excellent suggestion for an adult education project is given by Edward C. Lindeman in his article, Dum Placem Peream, which was published in The Library Journal, February 15, 1942, page 157. Such a plan could be sponsored by every library no matter what its size.

We hope that each of you is carrying out a definite adult education program even though you are busier than ever. To quote Mr. Lindeman: "I am convinced that the future of democracy depends in a genuine sense upon adult education. I do not see how it will be possible to secure intelligent participation in the control of our affairs unless we can produce a larger number of socially-sensitive, healthy-minded, progressive adults."

Dorothy Huston, Chairman
MSLA Adult Education Committee

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

FERGUS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, LEWISTOWN: The Fergus County High School Library has actively participated in the Victory Book Campaign in Fergus County. Vera Grazier, librarian, is a member of this committee in Fergus County and has been in charge of publicity in the public schools. Members of the debate team have given talks in each home room, explaining the campaign and urging students to bring books. At a PTA round table discussion given by the students, the Victory Book Campaign was given prominent place in this discussion. The school paper has carried an item on the front page since the beginning of the campaign. One item of publicity was a student drawn caricature of a soldier reading a book in an army camp. Over 250 books have been turned in to the high school library, but this is not a true measure of the number of books actually given to the campaign by the students for most of the students gave their books directly to the Boy Scouts who canvassed the city.

Circulation for January, with the library open twenty days, was 1,650 with 650 pupils in the school.

"Berlin Diary" is currently the most popular book among the students.

GALLATIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BOZEMAN: This year, for the first time, we are giving all Freshmen eight lessons in the use of the library. The classes meet on Monday at the regular English class period.

We found here that by taking three class periods each week we could give the eight lessons to all Freshmen in sixteen weeks. We gave four lessons to one group of three sections, then changed groups for four weeks, going back to the first group at the end of that time.

I think that the time will come when these lessons will be required for graduation by the Northwest Association. Even now the Southern Association requires a minimum of twelve lessons for graduation.

For that reason I wish it had been possible to offer this course to both Seniors and Freshmen over a three year period, after which time it could be offered to Freshmen only, and possibly to transfer students who had failed to get the necessary lessons in the schools from which they came. However, due to my work in re-cataloguing the library here, I was not able to do this at this time. The re-cataloguing should be completed by the end of this year, and such a program may be possible in the future.

We hold the library classes in the library itself, because thus the students become familiar with the books discussed.

We use Zaidac Brown's Library Key as a text.

PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, PLAINS: The following suggestions may prove helpful to teacher-librarians in small high schools.

To stimulate student interest in current periodicals, a contest could be started among the library assistants. Each of the various magazines received by the high school library is assigned to different student librarians for advertising. At least one article a week is thus announced in as attractive and unusual a placard as can be devised. Cartoons or sketches in the magazines can be copied and enlarged; pictures from other sources might be cut and pasted to attract attention; gay colors should be used in mounts or in paint and crayon work; starting headlines such as "ATTENTION, dog-lovers!" may be originated. These bills are to be initialed and posted upon the library bulletin board by the librarians; the old ones being collected and saved after removal. At the end of the six weeks' period, a library staff party could be given at which votes are cast for the most attractive poster, and prizes given to its designer and also to the librarian creating the greatest number of placards.

A librarian who also teaches English is fortunate for she can combine her work in both fields to advantage. One method of avoiding the stereotyped or stilted book report is the preparation of a student recommendation card file to be placed in the library for student use. The books read by the students for English credit or otherwise, could be recommended to other students by this device. Concise analysis with view to honest evaluation of a book from a salesman's viewpoint is a valuable objective for any English class, and the prospect of practical use being made of a student's book report lends a new interest to a formerly dull assignment. A similar device would be the placement of a blank recommendation list on the library bulletin board, upon which students could record which books were read and enjoyed by them.

NEWS NOTES

Announcement is made of the marriage of Gertrude Barbara Conway to Mr. James J. Van de Pete, on Monday, Dec. 22, 1942 in Baltimore Maryland. Mrs. Van de Pete is resigning her position in the Glendive High School.

Virginia Smith, who is on leave of absence from the Missoula Public Library is now employed by Lockheed in California and does not plan to return at the expiration of her leave on March first. Her work is being handled by other members of the staff.

The Library Club of Helena High School, a service organization promoting the interest of the high school library, recently presented two beautifully framed pictures to the library.

This issue of the M S L A Bulletin has been prepared by the Helena High School Library, Helena, Montana. For additional copies write to Elsie Lundborg, Librarian. The March-April issue will be prepared by Miss Louise Fernald, Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls. Send news items to her.

VICTORY BOOK-CAMPAIGN

In 28 counties in Montana, 22,806 books have been collected in the Victory Book Campaign. No report has been received from 23 counties which have local directors. Counties are still without local directors.

THE FIRST SHIPMENT from Montana was 335 books for Custer County shipped from Miles City to Fort Warren, Wyoming. Other shipments are reported from: Fort Benton, 735 books to Fort Meade, S. D.; 236 to Boise, Idaho; Anaconda, 641 books to Pendleton, Oregon; Columbus, 307 books to Fort Warren; Glendive, 122 books to Fort Bliss, Texas; Malta, 322 books to Fort Warren; Billings, 952 books to Fort Meade and Boise, Idaho.

LOCAL DIRECTORS for VBC in Montana are: Beaverhead County, MARY L. INNES, LN., Public Library, Dillon, 300 books reported; Big Horn County, MRS. HAZEL R. CHRISTIANSEN, LN., Big Horn County Library, Hardin, 297; Blaine County, MRS. C. E. O'BRIEN, LN., Blaine County Library, Chinook, no report; Broadwater County, MISS MARY SCHRIENER, LN., Broadwater County High School Library, Townsend, 160; Carbon County, MRS. MARIAN E. ADAMS, LN., Carnegie Library, Red Lodge, no report; Cascade County, MISS LOUISE H. FERNALD, LN., Public Library, Great Falls, 2,962; Chouteau County, MISS ELLEN TORRISON, LN., Chouteau County Free Library, Fort Benton, 905; Custer County, MRS. SALLY DOUGLASS FALKNER, LN., Carnegie Public Library, Miles City, 335; Daniels County, MISS AGNES TORVIK, LN., Scobey School Library, Scovey, no report; Dawson County, MRS. LEON COOPER, LN., Public Library, Glendive, 122; Deer Lodge County, MRS. FLORENCE C. CATLIN, LN., Hearst Free Library, Anaconda, 641; Fallon County, MISS LENNICE WRIGHT, LN., PUBLIC LIBRARY Baker, 100; Fergus County, MISS COPRINE BONDE LN., Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, 923; Flathead County, MISS DOROTHY J. PHELPS, LN., Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, 1000; Gallatin County, MISS GENEVA COOK, LN., Bozeman Free Library, Bozeman, 591; Garfield County, MRS. KENNETH CHRISTIAN, Jordan, no report; Golden Valley, MISS EDITH FLAGEL, Lavina, no report; Granite County, MRS E. C. IRVINE, Phillipsburg, no report; Jefferson County, MISS MARY HORTON, LN., Public Library, Boulder, no report; Hill County, MISS MARIAN BAINBRIDGE, Havre, 299; Judith Basin County, MRS. CASSANDRA O. PHELPS, Stanford, no report; Lake County, MISS HATTIE FAST, LN., City Library, Polson, 200; Lewis and Clark County, MRS. MABEL T. MILLER LN., Public Library, Helena, 1500; Lincoln County, MISS INEZ RATEKIN, LN., Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, no report; McCone County, MRS. BARBARA S. JENSEN, LN. George McCone Memorial Library, Circle, no report; Madison County, MRS. FLORENCE THOMAS, LN., Thompson-Hickman Free County Library, Virginia City, no report; Meagher County, MISS ISOBEL DUNCAN, LN., Meagher County Public Library, White Sulphur Springs, 140; Mineral County, MISS IDELLA HODGINS, LN., Mineral County Public Library, Superior, no report; Missoula County, MISS NINA FORD, LN., Public & County Library, Missoula, 6,000; Musselshell County, MRS. GERTRUDE COOPER, LN., Public Library, Roundup, 136; Park County, MRS. MARY L. McEWEEN, LN., Public Library, Livingston, no report; Petroleum County, MRS. FLORENCE KINDT, LN., Winnett Community Library, Winnett, 200; Phillips County, MRS. EUNICE O. WARD, LN., Phillips County Library, Malta 322; Pondera County, MISS HELEN E. SHULL, LN., Conrad Public School Library, Conrad, 184; Powell County, MRS. ANNA BIFLENBERG, LN., E.M. K. Kehr Memorial Library, Deer Lodge 579; Prairie County, MISS VIVIAN YOUNG, Terry, no report; Richland County, MRS. LENORA HARNISH, LN., Public Library, Sidney, no report; Roosevelt County, MISS KATHLEEN B. MEYERS, LN., City Library, Wolf Point, no report; Rosebud County, MRS. INA FREEMAN, LN., Rosebud County Library, Forsyth, 182; Sheridan County, MRS. BERTHA OSWALD, LN., Sheridan County Library, Plentywood, no report; Silver Bow County, MRS. MARGARET MCCARTHY, LN., Free Public Library, Butte, 500; Stillwater County, MISS ZOE BAKER, LN., Stillwater County Library, Columbus, 785; Sweet Grass County, MISS SARAH FALLANG, LN., Carnegie Library, Big Timber, no report; Teton County, MISS CLARA M. ROBERTS, LN., Choteau Public Library, Choteau, 415; Toole County, MISS CORLIE F. DUNSTER, LN., Shelby High School Library, Shelby, 110; Treasure County, MISS HAZEL GRUNHUUD, LN., Hysham School Library, Hysham, no report; Valley County, MRS. L. H. SEIMONTON, Glasgow, 100; Wheatland County, MRS. W. A. LYNN, Harlorton, 367; Wibaux County, MRS. ROBERT ANDERSON, Wibaux, no report; Yellowstone County, MISS VIRGINIA SANDERS, LN., Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings, 2,911.

COUNTIES WITHOUT LOCAL DIRECTORS and in which there is no VBC activity include: Carter, Glacier, Powder River, Ravalli, Sanders.

WEEDING AND SORTING

"If we are to keep the confidence of the armed forces it will be because the librarians really send books that the men want."—Althea Warren, National Director VBC.

Please read carefully the instructions in the MANUALS on weeding and sorting.

ATTICS ARE BEING CLEANED

It is a waste of money and a reflection on librarians to ship old, out-of-date books, fiction or non-fiction, which nobody, soldiers or civilians, will read. Weed out every book that is worthless, mediocre, or if it is unusable because of physical condition. No Tom Swift's, Tom Slade's, Ten Nights In A Barroom, McGrath's, Henty's, Dell's, Muhlbach's, E. P. Roe's, Mary J. Holmes', out-of-date Carpenter's Geographical Readers, Dickens, Balzac, Thackerary in fine print, and double columns. Few, if any, sets are usable. Do not include Delphian sets, old encyclopedias, and technical sets. Any technical book more than five or six years old is out of date.

DISTRIBUTION

The following letter received February 20 from Mr. Conner changes Montana's distribution.

To Victory Book Campaign Directors:

Because of the fact that the Ninth Corps Area in which your state is situated, is on a complete war basis, certain modifications to our original plan of the distribution of the Victory Book Campaign books must be made.

The Corps Area Librarian, through his Commanding Officer, has informed us that it will not be possible to provide us with the specific location of camps, posts, and other points of operation in the Ninth Corps Area, and as a consequence, it has been deemed advisable to set up central warehousing facilities at about eight geographically strategic points in the Corps Area.

Please instruct the local directors of all of the local collection centers in your state to send their reports of books available on the form post card provided for this purpose as originally planned and described in the Manual on distribution. When we receive these reports, we will then direct each local collection center reporting books available to send their books to the nearest warehousing point in their vicinity, thereby saving time and transportation costs and providing us with the necessary information to assure an equitable distribution to all parts of the Corps Area.

JOHN M. CONNOR
Assistant Director

A letter from Xenophon P. Smith, Ln., Ninth Corps Area, Fort Douglas, Utah, received February 23, states that all Montana books should be shipped direct to L. H. KIRKPATRICK, STATE DIRECTOR, VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH LIBRARY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, where they will be processed and shipped to undisclosed army points in the 9th Corps Area or used in traveling library units for the troops. Will each local director please continue to make reports on books ready to ship to Mr. Connor and to the state director for Montana's record and publicity uses, and then ship books direct to Salt Lake the cheapest way.

EXPENSES

Each local director should keep accurate account of all postage, transportation and other incidental expenses. Please notify the state director and vouchers for payment will be sent. See under FUNDS in MANUALS.

PUBLICITY

Newspaper clippings, identified with name of newspaper and date, reports of radio broadcasts, and any other form of publicity should be reported to the state director. The following Montana newspapers have given space to the VBC: Miles City Star, Great Falls Tribune, Montana Stander, Hardin Tribune-Herald, Sidney Herald, Havre Daily News, Bozeman Courier, Dawson County Review, Fort Benton River Press, Big Sandy Mountaineer, Geraldine Review, Billings Gazette, Billings Times and Midland Review.

Radio broadcasts are reported from KGEZ, Kalispell, KRJF, Miles City, KGHL, Billings.

The State-wide WPA Library Project, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Supervisor, is authorized to participate in the VBC. Library Stations and Centers are serving as receiving and sorting centers.

IT PAYS TO BELONG TO ALA

Local directors who are not members, have been handicapped in not receiving MANUALS and other information needed in the conduct of the VBC. ALA and VGG Headquarters supply of printed information which has appeared in the AL Bulletin and in separate issues is limited and the state director has not always been able to secure additional copies. If you are not a member of the American Library Association, please get in touch with Miss Louise Fernald, Ln., Public Library, Great Falls, who is membership chairman for Montana.

1,546,245 BOOKS

... have been reported to VBC Headquarters to date; 1,417,845 reported by local directors in 44 states, and the balance has been donated by several publishing firms. This only a small part of the books actually collected for hundreds of towns have not yet reported. 914,317 books have been shipped as follows: army camps 513,486, overseas 43,000, navy 115,414, American Merchant Marine 71,705, USP houses 168,712. For permanent record and publicity, the total number of books collected is needed. Local directors are asked to make a count on March 14 of all books received to and including that date, whether or not acceptable. If exact count has not been kept, please give an estimate. Will local directors please send the total number of books collected in each county to MARGARET FULLER, PUBLIC LIBRARY, BILLINGS, MONTANA, on March 15?

"When Does the VBC End?"

....is often asked. Headquarter's reply is, "When we have 10 million usable books." The book requests at present are as follows: Army (9th Corps Area) 2,500,000; expeditionary forces, 600,000; navy, 1,050,000; USO club-houses, 650,000; American Merchant Marine, 200,000. Total, 5,000,000. If, as President Roosevelt says, our troops must move out to ten fronts within two years, our armed forces will number 10,000,000; it is plain that five million books will not be half enough. Please accept any gifts offered as long as the war continues. After April 1, books may be used locally when you know of needs of armed forces or sent to Xenophon P. Smith, LN. Ninth Corps Area, Fort Douglas, Utah, for distribution.

THANK-YOUS

Offer to give short VBC talks to service clubs, women's clubs, churches, etc.; suggest that service club members, such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, bring at least one good book to a few meetings or "no book, no lunch."; get your newspaper to photograph the mayor or some prominent citizen giving a book to the VBC; mimeograph bookmarks with VBC information for distribution at the Loan Desk, through the Commercial Club mailing lists, in the monthly statements of largest local store, etc.; spot announcements over your local radio station. Give a book yourself!

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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The 30th Annual Meeting of the Montana State Library Association will be held in Kalispell, Montana, May 4th and 5th, 1942. The Kalispell Hotel will be headquarters.

PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION--Kalispell Hotel Lobby.

10:00 A.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER (gavel ceremony)--Carnegie City Library.
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. Purpose and plan of the conference.

- A. To consider matters relative to individual libraries and state-wide library service during the war, and during the social and economic adjustments to follow the war.
- B. To prepare needed library legislation for the 1943 session of Montana State Legislature
 1. Revision of S. L. E. C. law
 2. Appropriation for S. L. E. C.
- C. To strengthen the association through membership and participation among Montana librarians.
- D. To interest and inform trustees.
- E. To promote and direct the organization of friends of library groups throughout the state.
- F. To understand the program of the W. P. A. for 1942-43.

PRAYER Minister.

WELCOME Mayor and President of Library Board of Directors.

MINUTES of 1941 meeting at Miles City - Dorothy Peterson
Sec. Pro tem.

REPORTS

APPOINTMENT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON (Miss Torgrimson, hostess)--Temple Tea Room.

1:30 P.M. ROUND TABLE: Publicity in Individual Libraries - Corinne Bonde.
Displays:

Fulmer's display available, Bookweek display, V. B. C. Campaign display, Puget Sound News Company display.

3:00-4:00 P.M. W. P. A. PROJECT. Discussion and questions - Mrs. Martin.

7:00 P.M. BANQUET--Lake McGregor--(Informal, no host dinner).

Presiding: Dr. Leslie Bugbee

Solo: Mrs. Titus Kurtichinov

Speaker: Mrs. Agnes Wiggerhorn

Libraries and Adult Education

TUESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING--Carnegie City Library.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS DAY.

BILLS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Certification, Miss Ford chairman.

Constitution revision. Discussion.

THE LIBRARY'S ROLE IN WAR. (Series of short papers)

(Reports of various groups and libraries and war information centers; a few minutes in length.)

- A. Great Falls (Industrial center) Fernald
Junior College Eismann
High Schools
Children's Department Miss Brian
Local Defense Council (*) Mr. Tom D. Caverly
Special Libraries (Hamilton Laboratory) C. Baker
B. 1. Library of Information Campbell
2. Tools for material dealing with the
democratic way of life. Payson
3. Federal documents as a source of
current practical information. Goss

REGIONAL vs. STATE representation in the A.L.A. council.

(*) Small Public Library

- 12:00 A.M. LUNCHEON--Country Club House
The plans for reorganization and consolidation in the field
of education to cooperate with the war program.
Miss Elizabeth Ireland
- 2:00 P.M. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION (Special groups: High Schools, etc.)
- 2:30 P.M. MEETING--Carnegie City Library.
Unfinished business
New business
Election of officers
Adjournment

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CONSTITUTION MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

- SECTION I. The name of this organization shall be the Montana State Library Association.
- SECTION II. Its objects shall be to promote library interests in Montana.
- SECTION III. Any person or institution engaged in library work may become an active member of this association by payment of the annual dues of one dollar.
- SECTION IV. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the association for the transaction of business.
- SECTION V. The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer. These officers shall constitute the executive board.
- SECTION VI. The officers shall be elected annually by ballot. A majority vote constituting an election.
- SECTION VII. The term of office shall be one year.
- SECTION VIII. The executive committee shall administer the business affairs of the association in the intervals between the meetings. All bills must be endorsed and ordered paid by the president.
- SECTION IX. There shall be an annual meeting of the association at such place as may be decided upon by the association at the preceding meeting and at such time as may be decided upon by the executive committee. Special meetings may be called by the executive committee or by the president on request of six members of the association. At least three weeks notice shall be given and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.
- SECTION X. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of those present; provided that notice of the amendment in final form be sent three weeks previously to the members of the association.
- SECTION XI. Any by-law may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the association.

SUGGESTED REVISION

- SECTION I. The name of this organization shall be the Montana State Library Association.
- SECTION II. Its objects shall be to promote library interests and raise standards of library service in Montana.
- SECTION III. Any person or institution engaged in library work, board members or Friends of the Library may become an active member of this association by payment of the annual dues.
- SECTION IV. Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the association for transaction of business.
- SECTION V. The officers of this association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. These officers together with the chairman of publicity and Adult Education shall constitute the executive board.
- SECTION VI. The officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the president. They shall be elected at the biennial meeting. A majority vote will constitute an election.
- SECTION VII. The term of office shall be two years.
- SECTION VIII. The executive committee shall administer the business affairs of the association in the intervals between the meetings. All bills must be endorsed and ordered paid by the secretary or be presented before the association at its regular meeting.
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Virginia Smith formerly of the Missoula Public Library has recently been appointed chief librarian of the Lockheed-Vega Corporation in Los Angeles.

Margaret Dunstan has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Missoula Public Library, the appointment to become effective when she receives her degree from the Montana State University in June.

Governor Sam C. Ford has appointed Mrs. Lucinda B. Scott of Helena as Librarian of the Montana State Historical Library. She succeeds Mr. John B. Ritch of Lowistown who resigned on account of ill health.

Mrs. Josephine Hopnor of Helena has been reelected to her fourth term as president of the Montana State Historical Society Library Board of Trustees. She is serving her 21st year as a board member.

Mary Almas of Havre has accepted a position as assistant librarian at the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island. Previously she was a member of the University of Minnesota Library staff.

Evelyn R. Starkoy was married to Harry Dale Walker of Minneapolis in September. She was librarian at Northern Montana College from 1936-38.

Lucile Grove, formerly assistant librarian at Kalispell, is doing clerical work at the Boeing plant in Seattle.

Mrs. Hazel Strong has been appointed librarian of the Moore Public Library. She succeeds Mrs. Edna Abbott, who had served as librarian for the past seven years, and who died on February 4th following a stroke.

Helen Seow has succeeded Barbara Conway Vando Pote as librarian of the Dawson County High School at Glendive.

Miss Nadine Whitford, who has been librarian of the West Side branch of the Great Falls Public Library for the past two years has resigned to take a position as Junior caseworker in the Cascade County Department of Public Welfare. Mrs. Ruth Gens Froelicher, assistant in the main library, will for the time being take the position of librarian of the West Side branch.

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Mrs. Laura Zook of Miles City reports that Library patrons are enjoying greater reading comfort at the Carnegie Library, eight units of fluorescent lights having been installed on the main floor with very satisfactory results.

Bound magazines, publications of the learned and scientific societies, associations and institutions, such as annual reports, transactions, proceedings, bulletins, monographs, and so forth which appear in VBC collections will be purchased by P. & H. Bliss, Middletown, Connecticut, at special prices above discard rates.

The PBL is designated by the American Library Association as one of 1,200 libraries in the United States to serve as a demonstration war information center. Each month a collection of information devoted to a selected phase of national defense will be sent to the library by Miss Harriet Root, Chief, U. S. Information Service, Washington, D. C. The April information is on nutrition.

A survey of Library Resources of the Pacific Northwest will be started this month by Dr. John Van Male, University of Chicago. The PNLA Committee on Bibliography regards this survey, made possible by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, as one of its most important undertakings. Montana libraries will be the first to be surveyed.

A class for adults who wish to learn to read English is being held weekly in the PBL. The class is sponsored by the adult education service of the library and is conducted through the voluntary service of Mrs. Ben F. Martin. The class is free and open to any adult, American or foreign-born, who wishes to read English.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clara Martin, a charter member of the Montana and is now county supervisor of the State wide library project of Works Project Administration has requested me to incorporate in this month's bulletin the following regarding the present county library law. Unless something is done this year the fine work being accomplished throughout the state will be at a stand still. Cascade County which has been functioning since December 1941, have been planning a legislative program utilizing the services of Mrs. Hattersley of Conrad, Mr. James of Cascade, Miss Ireland, our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Margaret Holland, Cascade County Superintendent of Schools and others. Mrs. Martin will be at Kalispell meeting to present this most vital measure which is of interest to us all.

The original county law provides for the organization of county libraries with a tax levy of one mill on all property in the county. The city or town library may tax itself up to three mills. This has been the greatest stumbling block to the organization of the county libraries in those counties where one or more city libraries are supported by taxation. I feel that it is highly desirable that some method be found to harmonize this conflict because it has been so difficult to obtain signatures to a petition or votes in an election while this exists. It would appear that a relatively small change in the existing law would obviate this difficulty.

The session laws of 1939 amended the county act to permit the organization of regional or joint libraries in several counties but even this did not take into account the discrepancy in taxation which would work a hardship on towns already taxed beyond the county limit. This legislation involves no appropriation and it seems to me it could be drafted and passed with little difficulty, especially with the assistance of the regional council of WPA libraries and the professional guidance of state officials who have already expressed their willingness to give council and advice.

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Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians, published June 1941-----35¢
1942 Supplement, published April 1942-----25¢

Send your order to

Helen I. Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman

Each and every one of us owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Helen I. Goss. Wish there were room to print all words of appreciation received.

We are sorry not to print the first installment of the M.S.L.A. history which Mrs. Benson sent-it will be forthcoming in the next issue.

CONVENTION NOTES

Miss Phelps writes urging all members of M.S.L.A., to attend the meeting May 4-5 and to bring members of their Boards if possible. The Kalispell Hotel is to be Headquarters. Other hotels are The Montana, The Nation, and The Dillon. Cabin accommodations are available unless otherwise spoken for.

Train Connections: Great Northern Railway - change at Columbia Falls for Kalispell.

Bus connections: Kalispell is on Bus lines from every direction.

At present the roads are in excellent condition and will probably be good the early part of May.

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The 64 Annual conference of the American Library Association will meet in Milwaukee June 22-27. Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress has accepted an invitation to speak. The theme of the general sessions will be - Winning the war and the Peace: How libraries can help. We hope that Montana will be represented at the meeting.

The Chairman for M.S.L.A. Miss Hazel Christianson - for P.N.L.A. Mrs Emyln Benson and A.L.A. Miss Louise Fernald urge all members to pay their dues if possible before the Annual meetings. It is more necessary this year than ever before to stand behind our several organizations if we are to serve library work in general and Montana in particular.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Sponsorship for the next issue will be Chouteau County Library,
Fort Benton, Montana.

... have been reported to the state director by 50 local directors. Three counties have not yet reported, and three are without directors. According to its population of 559,472 Montana's collection of 57,165 books represents 1 book for every 9 residents of the state.

Beaverhead County, MISS MARY L. INNES, Ln., Public Library, Dillon, 958 books reported; Big Horn County, MRS. HAZEL CHRISTIANSON, Ln., Big Horn County Library, Hardin, 858; Blaine County, MRS. C. E. O'BRIEN, Ln., Blaine County Library, Chinook, 1,008; Broadwater County, MISS MARY SCHREINER, Ln., Broadwater County High School Library, Townsend, 160; Carbon County, MRS. MARIAN E. ADAMS, Ln., Carnegie Library, Red Lodge, 200; Cascade County, MISS LOUISE M. FERNALD, Ln., Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, 3,804; Chouteau County, MISS ELLEN TORGRIMSON, Ln., Chouteau County Free Library, Fort Benton, 1,026; Custer County, MRS. SALLY DOUGLASS PALKNER, Ln., Carnegie Public Library, Miles City, 2,618; Daniels County, MISS AGNES TORVIK, Ln., Scobey School Library, Scobey, 170; Dawson County, MRS. LEON COOMBS, Glendive Public Library, Glendive, 1,450; Deer Lodge County, MRS. FLORENCE C. CATLIN, Ln., Hearst Free Library, Anaconda, 2,091; Fallon County, MRS. LEONNICE WRIGHT, Ln., Baker Public Library, Baker, 180; Fergus County, MISS CORINNE E. BONDE, Ln., Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, 2,500; Flathead County, MISS DOROTHY J. PHELPS, Ln., Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, 1,000; Gallatin County, MISS GENEVA COOK, Ln., Bozeman Free Library, Bozeman, 3,621; Garfield County, MR. BUTTE H. TIPTON, Jordan Tribune, Jordan, 590; Golden Valley County, MISS EDITH FLAGEL, Lavina, 90; Granite County, MRS. E. T. IRVINE, Philipsburg, 76; Hill County, MISS MARIAN BAINBRIDGE, Havre, 464; Judith Basin County, MRS. CASSANDRA O. PHELPS, Stanford, 282; Lake County, MISS HATTIE EAST, Ln., Polson City Library, Polson, 276; Lewis and Clark County, MRS. MABEL T. MILLER, Ln., Helena Public Library, Helena, 2,201; Lincoln County, MISS INEZ RUTEKIN, Ln., Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, 1,019; Madison County, MRS. FLORENCE THOMAS, Ln., Thompson-Hickman Free Library, Virginia City, 539; McCone County, MRS. BARBARA S. JENSEN, Ln., George McCone Memorial Library, Circle, 668; Meagher County, MISS ISOBEL DUNCAN, Ln., Meagher County Public Library, White Sulphur Springs, 389; Mineral County, MISS IDELLA HODGINS, Ln., Mineral County Public Library, Superior, 246; Missoula County, MISS NINA FORD, Ln., Missoula Public and Missoula County Library, Missoula, 6,222; Musselshell County, MRS. GERTRUDE COOPER, Ln., Roundup Public Library, Roundup, 905; Park County, MRS. MARY L. McEVEN, Ln., Livingston Public Library, Livingston, 2,052; Petroleum County, MRS. FLORENCE KINDT, Ln., Winnott Community Library, Winnott, 208; Phillips County, MRS. EUNICE O. WARD, Ln., Phillips County Library, Malta, 709; Pondera County, MISS HELEN E. SHULL, Ln., Conrad Public School Library, Conrad, 100; Powell County, MRS. ANNA BIELENBERG, Ln., Wm. K. Kehr Memorial Library, Deer Lodge, 742; Präirie County, MISS VIVIAN YOUNG, Terry, 25; Richland County, MRS. LENORA HARNISH, Ln., Sidney Public Library, Sidney, 145; Roosevelt County, MISS KATHLEEN B. MEYERS, Ln., Wolf Point City Library, Wolf Point, 450; Rosebud County, MRS. INA FREEMAN, Ln., Rosebud County Library, Forsyth, 972; Sanders County, MRS. F. S. BURDICK, Plains, 50; Sheridan County, MRS. BERTHA OSWALD, Ln., Sheridan County Library, Plentywood, 326; Silver Bow County, MRS. MARGARET MCCARTHY, Ln., Butte Free Public Library, Butte, 7,500; Stillwater County, MISS ZOE BAUER, Ln., Stillwater County Library, Columbus, 1,007; Sweet Grass County, MRS. SARAH FALLANG, Ln., Big Timber Carnegie Library, Big Timber, 2,000; Teton County, MISS CORLIE F. DUNSTER, Ln., Shelby High School Library, Shelby, 350; Treasure County, MISS HAZEL GRUNHVD, Ln., Hysham School Library, Hysham, 148; Valley County, MRS. L. H. SIMONTON, Glasgow, 305; Wheatland County, MRS. W. A. LYNN, Harlowtown, 508; Wibaux County, MRS. ROBERT ANDERSON, Wibaux, 78; Yellowstone County, MISS VIRGINIA SANDERS, Ln., Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings, 3,669.

COUNTIES NOT REPORTED: Jefferson County, Liberty County, Powder River County.

COUNTIES WITHOUT DIRECTORS: Carter County, Glacier County, Ravalli County.

WIRED FROM VBC HEADQUARTERS, APRIL 10

President Roosevelt at his press conference next Tuesday will designate Friday, April 17, as Victory Book Day calling upon all Americans to give books for the armed forces. Nation-wide cooperation asked. Libraries being named as collection centers. Please continue local coordination. Details in mail to you and your local directors.

--John M. Connor

PAYMENT OF SHIPPING COSTS

Please notify the state director of shipping costs on VBC books and a voucher for payment will be sent. All shipping costs must be prepaid. NO COD shipments can be sent to L. E. Kirkpatrick, State Director, VBC in Utah, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, or to any camp or library.

THE MONTANA SPIRIT
which has made the VBC a success

"This library sent 400 books to Salt Lake as directed. These went free of

transportation charges through the patriotism of a truckman, Rex Ward, who passes through Dillon on his way from Butte."--Mary L. Innes

"We are very glad to report that the Northwest Freight Lines are handling all shipments for us free of charge."--Sally D. Falkner

"We are instructing the Sawyer Stores in the vicinity of Billings to bring in any books which they have collected to the library. We are also running another announcement on the radio stations at Powell, Sheridan, and Bozeman, in addition to KGHZ."--Sawyer Stores, Inc., A. L. Hammerstrom

"The Safeway Store, especially, is cooperating and will be a depot for books. Buttroys store brought cartons for packing and will come to the library whenever we have books to ship and take them to the P.O."--Eunice O. Ward

"We organized a Friends of the Library group . . . our immediate prospect was the Victory Book Campaign, and I have had six volunteer helpers on six different afternoons who take charge of the desk while I work on VBC books."--Zoe Bauer

"One of our citizens has offered the use of his truck for collecting and transportation to, perhaps, Great Falls."--Clara M. Roberts

"The Terry Tribune has contributed space. The Terry Rotary Club promised full support, and members will bring their donations during March."--Vivian Young

"The Richey Book Club donated \$1.50 for a subscription to Reader's Digest for some camp reading room."--Mrs. Leon Coombs

"All Judith Basin County needs is leadership. I am tired of having my face so red everytime I pick up the Lewistown paper and read what Fergus County is doing."--Cassandra O. Phelps

"We are still sending books to the Carnegie Library at Miles City. We find it convenient to send them there as we have a daily stage between the two points. I have been paying the transportation charges, but it is a small item as the stage man, Mr. Carl Harkinson, gives me half-rate as I do not have to go to the trouble of boxing books."--Butte H. Tipton

"Today was a big day for us! The Boy Scout house to house canvas was very successful. One truck brought in 1,500 books and that was only one load. They made two trips. Three county trucks were used with CCC drivers and 6 or 7 Boy Scouts to a truck."--Corinne E. Bond

6,560,452 books

. . . have been reported to VBC Headquarters by the 48 states and Washington, D.C. Of this total it is estimated that 3,310,258 are unsuitable for military distribution, making a net total of 3,250,194 available for distribution. The books have been distributed as follows: Army, 1,280,803, which includes 73,330 books overseas; Navy, 370,305; American Merchant Marine Library Association, 112,029; U.S.O., clubs, 331,449.

Miss Althea Warren, National Director, VBC, has returned to the Los Angeles Public Library and John M. Connor has been put in charge at the Headquarters office until July 1 and probably longer.

"When does VBC end?" There will be no aggressive publicity after April 1, but it is urgently asked that all libraries continue to accept any gifts offered as long as the war lasts. Each local director empowered to use them for any needs of service men or industrial workers in his neighborhood. If no need exists, please report the books to Mr. Connor on the usual post card for shipping instructions.

THANK YOU

Montana's total of 57,280 VBC books reported to date represents the magnificent work of the directors in fifty counties (three not yet reporting). You have been all-out in your work and cooperation. Your contribution has been as great in your intelligent discarding as it has been in the organization of your county campaigns. You have put books in the news and over the radio. You have turned your community's attention and steps toward your library. Let's keep and utilize this public interest which we need so greatly to equalize library service in Montana.

Thank yous should now be made in each County by each director to all groups and individuals who have helped in their Victory Book Campaign.

PROSPECTIVE REVENUES FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES
IN THE WAR AND POST-WAR PERIODS

by

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Expanding federal debt and unprecedented war expenditures have raised grave concern over prospective revenues which may be available for non-war purposes in the years immediately ahead. The prospective revenues which will be available for educational services are, of course of particular concern because of the vital role which education plays in the proper functioning of a democratic society.

It is estimated that in 1943 governmental expenditures for war purposes will comprise approximately three-fourths of our peak peacetime national income. Appropriations, contract authorizations, and recommendations to Congress for national defense expenditures for the fiscal years 1941 and 1942 total nearly 84 billion dollars. Of this total, nearly 45 billion dollars is for the army, more than 20 billions for the navy, and nearly 19 billions for other agencies, including the Lend-Lease Program.¹ The greatest national income, unstimulated by war expenditures, ever realized in this country was in 1929 when it amounted to 80 billion dollars. Obviously these unprecedented sums represent the demands of an all out war effort and a transformation of our peace economy into a total war economy. These almost incredible sums are considered essential for winning the war.

THE URGE TO CURTAIL NON-WAR EXPENDITURES

In order to speed execution of the war effort to completion and to keep the sacrifices and the tax burdens necessary to finance such an effort as low as possible, it is generally held essential to drastically reduce all expenditures of a nature not directly associated with the war effort. The idea that local and state governments should offset the effects of federal increases by curtailing their services and reducing their debts has been advanced by many. This idea seems to be growing in popularity. To strengthen the argument, many use such analogies as farm families who forego new cars the year they purchase new tractors. Obviously, the effects of such a public policy carried out by all state and local governments upon the American standard of living will be acute.

Evidence that the Federal Government will follow a policy of greatly reducing its activities for other than war purposes during the next few years is contained in the federal budget for 1943. A total of \$3,382,000 is carried in this budget to finance civil establishments. In the fiscal year 1940, a total of \$5,518,000 was spent for these purposes. Thus 1943 civil expenditures are estimated to be almost 40 per cent less than in 1940. The 1943 budget for the Department of the Interior, which includes the United States Bureau of Education, is \$1,130,000 compared with expenditures of \$3,625,000 in the year 1939, and \$2,867,000 in 1940. In spite of these large reductions in contemplated expenditures for federal activities for other than war purposes, many groups are still insisting that such expenditures must be further curtailed in order to win the war.

The far-reaching effects of such stupendous shifts raise very serious problems concerning probable future revenues available for such vital services as education, particularly schools and libraries. Certainly every American citizen wants to do his bit and cooperate fully with the government in the execution of the war. At the same time it is the duty of each citizen to make every effort to see that vital services such as the necessary education and training of our children and youth are not neglected unduly during the war years. When to the serious problems facing education during the war years are added those associated with fundamental trends operating within the economy, many of which were in operation before the war, the best thought of the nation and the cooperative efforts of educational leaders is essential if school and library services are not to suffer severe reverses in the post-war years.

¹The data showing appropriations, contract authorizations, and recommendations for national defense are taken from the "Index" published quarterly by the New York Trust Company, Volume 22, No. 1, Spring 1942, p. 3, and the compilations are based upon annual reports of the Secretary of the Treasury.

THE DECLINE IN SCHOOL POPULATION

In 1940 there were more than 2 million fewer children of grade school age (5 to 13 years) in the United States than there were 10 years earlier. There was nearly 1 million fewer children under 5 years of age in 1940 than in 1930. These data reflect the decline in the birth rate, and indicate that needs for school services based on numbers of children to be educated are decreasing. These decreases will further reduce the competitive position of education compared with other governmental expenditures, particularly during the post-war period. The population of high school age (14-17 years inclusive) has already reached its peak and in the next decade will decline further in response to the declining number of children under 5 and from 5 to 13 years of age.²

In contrast to the declining numbers of children and youth to be educated, the number of aged people in the United States is rapidly increasing. In 1940 there were more than 2 million more people 65 years of age and over than in 1930. In addition there were approximately 2 1/2 million more people between the ages of 55 and 65, so that the total number of people in the older age groups will continue to increase in the years ahead. Obviously, old age pensions and social security programs will be an increasingly pertinent force with which education must contend.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN YOUTH

Equally as important as the number of children and youth to be educated is their geographic distribution. The ratio of children of elementary and high school age to adults in the productive age groups varies greatly for the different regions of the nation. For example, in the far western states, there are only 336 children from 5 to 17 years of age for every thousand persons from 20 to 64 years of age, while in the southeast there are 603. The high ratio of children to adults in the Southern states is not due largely to the high fertility of the negro population as is generally supposed.

The ratio of children of school age to the supporting adult group generally increases with decreases in the size of communities. In cities of 100,000 or more the ratio of children of school age (both elementary and high school) is comparatively low. In rural non-farm communities the ratio of children is markedly greater than in urban communities, but the rural farm population is the one that is carrying the burden of school age out of all proportion to that in other types of communities. For example, in the far western states farm communities have 185 children per thousand adults, while rural non-farm communities in these states have only 145 and urban communities only 112. In the southwest, for example, the farm communities have 206, the rural non-farm 148, and the urban only 113.³

It is obvious from the above regional and community variations in ratios of children to adults that the needs for school services vary greatly among different areas of the country. Since school revenues are obtained largely from local general property tax levies, these variations bring about serious inequalities in tax burdens for the support of school among various regions and communities. In the Southern states and the Northwest the burden is and will continue to be particularly heavy, while for the country as a whole, the relative burden in farm communities will be much greater than that in village and urban areas. The increasing competition for public funds for other services growing out of the war effort and the economic conditions which are likely to prevail during the post-war period will create acute financing problems for school and library services in these areas.

The unequal distribution of pupil load becomes more serious in its implications when it is analyzed in relation to economic resources and tax-paying ability. In general there seems to be a close relationship between areas with great child population loads and areas with low level.

²In 1940 the number of children 14 years old was 2,417,619 according to preliminary estimates based on the 1940 census compared with 2,425,762 children 15 years old, and 2,497,570 children 16 years old.

³For more detailed data and an analysis of regional variations in the ratio of children to adults see "The Problems of a Changing Population", National Resources Committee, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., May 1938, pp. 201-206.

of living. In other words, in general the areas with the lowest levels have the greatest responsibility for child development and education. For the nation as a whole approximately a third of the children 5 to 17 years of age are located on farms, but only about one-tenth of the national income goes to the farm population. In every region of the United States except the far west, the farm population has a much larger percentage of school age children than its proportion of the national income, but it is in the southeastern states that the disparities between child population and income reach acute proportions. Nearly a seventh of the nation's children of school age (5 to 17 years of age) are located in the southeastern states, but this region receives only 2 per cent of the national income. In contrast, the non-farm population of the northeastern states has only a fourth of the nation's children of school age, but receives 42 per cent of the national income.⁴

These disparities are the best evidence available that there is need for greater support for educational services on a national basis, to supplement local and state revenues. In a previous article the author related some of the inequalities in educational opportunities which result from these conditions.⁵ The point which should be made here is that while the need for greater support for educational services from national revenues exists and will undoubtedly become still greater with the concentration of adult populations and income in large cities where war industries are located, the tapping of the federal treasury for any appreciable sums for education will become increasingly difficult, particularly during the next few years of the war effort and the immediately following post-war years when great outlays for unemployment, relief, general welfare, and public works are reasonably certain to develop.

The prospective economic conditions which are likely to grow out of our war effort combined with basic trends in school child numbers and their distribution, indicate that financing educational services in the United States generally will face increasingly difficult problems. If adequate revenues are to be secured for schools and libraries in the years ahead, every means must be made to make education's claims as strong as possible. Certain changes can be made in the methods of financing schools and libraries which will greatly improve their competitive position in the struggle for public funds, and a completely revamped program of local government finance in war time could work toward the same end.

REVISION OF METHODS OF FINANCING SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

It is a widely observed fact that during depression periods when heavy demands are made for governmental spending for relief, public works, and other methods of providing economic opportunities for unemployed and distressed families, spending for schools is seriously curtailed. This is not because citizens believe it dangerous to support schools during a depression or that they feel educational services are less desirable than many other public services. As a matter of fact, most people will state honestly that they believe education is absolutely essential in a democracy, and that it is more important even in depression periods than many other public services.

This apparent paradox is explainable only if we analyze the methods by which various public services are financed. In the case of such services as roads, conservation and development of natural resources, army and navy, and recovery and relief, the costs are met either through tax revenues secured currently by varied and indirect means. These include the tariff, various excises, personal and corporate income taxes and other taxes most of which are characterized by a rather circuitous, or at least not easily traceable route from the taxpayer's pocket to the support of the public service in question. On the other hand, four-fifths of the total school revenue is raised by the little local district or county from general property tax levies. In some states as much as 95 per cent or more is so raised. Even in some states where the state government contributes heavily for school support, this revenue is raised largely from a state-wide millage levy on general property. Less than one per cent of total school revenue is raised by the federal government the agency which uses most extensively indirect taxes or taxes based on

⁴"The Problems of a Changing Population", op. cit., p. 207.

⁵See the author's treatment in "Equalization of Educational Opportunities Through Changes in Methods of Supporting Public Schools and Libraries", P.N.L.A. Quarterly, Volume 4, Number 4, July 1940, pp. 147-15

net income. Thus the support of schools and libraries is local, personal and direct, and it is a sociological fact that the more direct and easily traceable the route of the tax dollar from the taxpayer's pocket to the support of a given governmental service, the more likely is the service to be criticized or curtailed when economic conditions pinch.

This whole problem of financial support of schools and libraries is, therefore, largely a matter of primary vs. secondary group relationships carried into the field of public finance. It is of particular significance at this time in view of the economic conditions which we are likely to face in the immediate future growing out of the war and post-war periods. Unless and until more of our school revenues are secured through indirect or secondary group means, the financial support of school services will lag behind that for many other public services with resulting serious social implications. This will be especially true in rural communities where the means of support is peculiarly direct and personal and where a combination of factors, including a heavy proportion of children of school age and relatively low incomes, makes it difficult to maintain educational opportunities comparable with those available in the more highly industrialized and urban areas.

Our statesmen and citizens interested in adequate school and library programs should expend every effort to secure increased federal support for these services to supplement state and local support. Since federal funds are obtained largely by more indirect and less personal taxes, public support for schools and libraries would be more likely to be maintained at adequate levels during the difficult economic periods which lie ahead if a larger proportion of total school revenues are obtained from federal sources. At least the support for these services would be relatively better compared with that for other public services than it would be if practically sole reliance is continued upon state and local revenues secured from direct, personal levies. In the event that federal support cannot be tapped for any appreciable amounts, state support for schools should be greatly increased to replace a large proportion, perhaps at least half, of the revenue now obtained from local school district and county property tax levies. Such state support should be secured principally by means other than state-wide millage levies on general property.

BUILDING UP LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESERVES

Greater business activity and expanding national income associated with the war program (the national income is expected to exceed 100 billion dollars in 1942) are reducing local relief expenditures. Moreover the difficulty or impossibility of obtaining materials for local and state highway construction or other capital outlay projects, reduce expenditures for these purposes. A larger percentage of current local property tax levies will be collected and a considerable portion of delinquent taxes accumulated from past years will be paid. These increasing collections will result in additional funds with which, according to many, local governments should liquidate their debts, simultaneously reducing their levies.

There can be little argument against liquidating debts, since the time to pay off debts is ordinarily when sufficient income is available to do so. Many local units are still heavily burdened with debt and until these are liquidated, they should continue to levy the same amount of taxes even though they spend less for various services as a result of increased business activity during the war years. However, there is an increasingly large number of cities, counties, towns, school districts, and other local units that have already liquidated their debts or are rapidly doing so. For example, the net debt of all Montana counties is now less than 1 1/2 million dollars, or the equivalent of an average levy of less than 5 mills, and half of the 56 counties have no net debt. Many contend that such local units which have no outstanding debt should now lower their levies to help offset the federal war levies. The writer believes, however, that these local units, in addition to those with debts to be liquidated, should maintain their levies at present levels or even increase them at this time, in order to build up financial reserves for the financing of post-war problems that are reasonably certain to develop.

Building up local surpluses for the financing of post-war programs is certainly sound business practice and intelligent planning. If properly administered, the building up of local surpluses can be fitted into the national effort so that federal war financing is expedited. Local units could invest their surpluses in defense bonds and in this

way assist the Federal Government in securing funds to finance its huge war effort. At the same time, the bonds would be owned by local units which would thus be enabled to play an effective part in the post-war public works program. On the contrary, if local levies are reduced at this time, there is no assurance that federal levies to offset reductions in state and local revenues will be politically feasible and at the same time, local units will be weak and ineffective in meeting post-war adjustment problems.

Immediately following the cessation of hostilities there will be an increased demand for certain educational services. A large number of young men and women who have been drafted into the armed forces or who have quit school to take positions in defense industries and related activities connected with the war effort, will want to return to school after the war is over and complete their formal education. The need for various shifts in skills and training will require continued emphasis upon certain types of vocational training, refresher courses, and related educational services. Far-reaching changes will be necessary in school curricula to take account of the extensive geographic, economic, and social changes brought about by the war and operation of forces which culminated in the war. Every effort should be made to see that state and local units are in a strong financial position to take the initiative in furnishing these vital services. It is obvious, therefore, that much thought and effort should be devoted now to the problems associated with assuring adequate revenues for schools and libraries not only during the period of actual combat, but also for the post-war years which, unless effective work is done now, will find educational services in a relatively much poorer position to meet the nation's needs

A most enjoyable meeting of MSLA was held at Kalispell, May 3 - 5. Social events included Open House at Miss Phelps' home on Sunday evening; luncheons at the Temple Tea Room and Country Club on Monday and Tuesday; and the banquet at the Temple Tea Room on Monday evening, at which vocal numbers by Mrs. Titus Kurtichanov, colored slides shown by Dr. Sundelius, and a talk on "Libraries and Adult Education" by Miss Jiggenhorn of the State Department of Public Instruction made up the program.

business sessions were held at the Carnegie Public Library with President Doris Wilson presiding and Dorothy Peterson acting as Secretary. A cedar gavel, the joint gift of I. D. O'Donnell of Billings and the Hertzberg Craftsmen, was presented to the Association by Miss Fulmer at the opening session on May 4, and Miss Wilson used it to formally open the 29th annual meeting.

The report of Mrs. Christiansen as Treasurer and Membership Chairman showed a balance of \$101.60 in the treasury, 100 membership dues having been paid during the year. Helen Goss reported on her work on the Directory, having issued a Supplement at a cost of \$16.05. Reports were made by the Historian, Mrs. Benson, who has brought the MSLA History up to date, by Miss Fernald, ALA Membership Chairman, and by Mrs. Benson, FMLA Membership Chairman.

Miss Ford presented a new plan for voluntary certification of Montana librarians, which was adopted. Three grades of certificates are to be awarded, based on educational qualifications, experience, or examination. A clause allowing professional certificates to those who can qualify as county librarians under provisions of the Montana Statutes would apply, under Miss Ford's plan, to either county or city librarians and would automatically qualify anyone who could meet those requirements. Miss Campbell requested that a committee be appointed to work with the SLEC in preparing examinations and issuing certificates. The following have been appointed to serve on this committee:

Evelyn Swant, Missoula Public Library, Chairman
Ruth Eismann, Northern Montana College Library
Dorothy Huston, Farnly Billings Memorial Library

Mrs. Martin discussed the problems and progress of the MFA library project in Montana. She stated that the future of the project is uncertain, but that it may be continued if it can show that its work contributes to the war effort - the libraries serving as War Information Bureaus.

A Round Table discussion of library publicity was led by Miss Bonde. Miss Gibbons read a paper entitled, "Spotlight your Publicity on Victory", prepared by Vera Grazier, Fergus County High School librarian. Miss Gibbons then gave a talk on "Radio Publicity", based on her own experience in broadcasting programs for the Kalispell library. Inez Ratekin discussed "The Newspaper and Library Publicity". Mrs. Falkner explained the importance of the librarian herself as a publicity agent, within and outside the library.

Miss Fulmer's report on the Victory Book Campaign showed that over 69,000 books had been collected in Montana and sent to camps and distributing centers. Only two counties failed to take part in the campaign. In displaying publicity given the VEC in newspapers throughout the state, Miss Fulmer stated that this would be a good starting point for publicity about libraries in general and suggested that the plan for voluntary certification be the next publicity outlet.

Miss Ratekin announced that she had been asked to speak at the convention of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, meeting at Helena in June, and that she would avail herself of the opportunity if there were some plan or project which the Association wished her to present. Miss Ford suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to acquaint the women of the state with the need for state-wide library service. In this connection, she further stated that this is an opportune time for the Association itself to do something to promote regional libraries because: (1) The MFA is interested in regional library developments in different parts of the state; (2) the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is interested in library development; (3) the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs may be willing to work with the Association; (4) there is money in the treasury.

Miss Ford proposed that the Association make available to the SLEC a part of its funds to use in promoting library extension in the state. The matter was discussed in full. It was the opinion of the members that if one regional library could be started through the help of the MSLA, the influence would extend throughout the state; that in giving funds to the Commission the existence of a state library extension commission would be brought before the people of the state, and that in time funds might be secured for an active library commission. The question of the amount of money to be given was discussed, and it was decided to allow the Commission up to \$75.00 to further the cause of regional libraries in the state. Miss Campbell requested that a committee from the MSLA be appointed to work with the Commission. Miss Ford of the Missoula Public Library has been appointed chairman of this committee; other members are:

Mrs. Martin, WPA Library Project Director
Miss Fernald, Great Falls Public Library
Miss Ratekin, Lincoln County Library.

Miss Wilson presented a plan for revising the constitution. Various points in the proposed revision were discussed briefly. It was moved that a committee be appointed to continue work on the revision and present it for final action at the 1943 meeting of the Association. Following is the committee:

Mrs. Benson, Havre Public Library, Chairman
Miss Speer, University of Montana Library
Mrs. Coombs, Glendive Public Library.

A series of short papers on "The Library's Role in War" was presented. Miss Fernald represented the library of an industrial center; Miss Eismann, the junior college library; Miss Haskins, the high school library; Mrs. Jensen, the small public library; Miss Brain, a children's department; and Miss Baker, special libraries. (Mrs. Jensen, Miss Brain and Miss Haskins were not present but had sent their papers which were read.) Miss Campbell told about the Library of Information established at the University Library; Mrs. Payson's paper dealt with "Tools for material dealing with the democratic way of life"; Miss Goss discussed "Federal documents as a source of current practical information".

Members were urged to join PMLA and ALA; to cooperate in the USO drive for funds; to write to congressmen asking continuation of the book postage rate. A letter from Miss Stockett urging institutional memberships in PMLA was read. A motion was passed that the Association take out a PMLA institutional membership. Regional versus state representation on the ALA Council was discussed. There are not enough ALA members who also are members of MSLA to allow us state representation. It will not be possible for Montana to have regional representation unless it joins with another state. It was voted to leave the decision to the next executive board. Mrs. Payson was delegated to act as non-officer member of the PMLA Board of Directors.

The Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Miller, chairman, Miss Buss and Miss Ratekin, presented their report, which was accepted.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows:

Ellen Torgrimsen, Chouteau County Library, President
Sally Falkner, Miles City Public Library, Vice President and President-elect
Elsie Lundborg, Helena High School Library, Secretary
Mildred Crawe, Flathead County High School Library, Treasurer

An invitation to hold the 1943 meeting of MSLA at Hardin has been sent by Mrs. Hazel Christiansen. If any other towns feel a hospitable urge, may the executive committee hear from them?

Mrs. Mabel Miller, Helena Public Library, is Publicity Chairman for the current year.

The president announces the following appointments:

Publicity Chairman - Mrs. Mabel Miller, Helena Public Library
Historian - Geneva Cook, Bozeman
Adult Education Chairman - Corinne Bonde, Lewistown
Federal Relations Chairman - Catherine Baker, Hamilton

It has been suggested that Montana issue an invitation to PMLA to hold its 1943 meeting in this state, either at Glacier or Yellowstone Park. If you wish to express your opinion, pro or con, the executive board will be glad to hear from you.

Miss Stockett has sent word that time has been allowed for State Luncheon meetings at one o'clock on Friday August 26 during the PMLA Conference at Seattle.

Additional copies of the lists of RECOMMENDED GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, prepared by Helen Goss in connection with her paper on Federal Documents given at the Kalispell meeting, are available on request. Address Miss Goss, Montana State College Library, Bozeman.

Mrs. Christiansen makes the following report in regard to the work of the Membership Committee for the year 1941-42.

One member sent in a check for \$3.00 to pay dues for the years, 1938-39; 1939-40; 1940-41. Another member sent in a check for \$3.00 covering payment for dues for the years 1941-42; 1942-43; 1943-44. We have 71 paid members for 1941-42 and 26 paid members for 1942-43.

She extends her appreciation and thanks to the following members of the committee who worked so faithfully to help make it a successful year. Mrs. O'Brien, Chinook; Miss Ratekin, Libby; Miss Fernald, Great Falls; Mrs. Falkner, Miles City; Miss Cook, Bozeman; Miss Rich, Billings; Miss Crouch, Butte; Mrs. Miller, Helena. Through the efforts and cooperation of all those on the committee we accumulated the largest membership in the history of the Montana State Library Association.

Miss Wilson has asked publication of the bill for expenses incurred during her presidency. This bill was presented at the Kalispell meeting and ordered paid.

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Doris E. Wilson, 1941-42 president, MSLA

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June Library Economy graduates at the University of Montana were Jean Bennett, Glasgow; Louise Guest, Great Falls; Margaret Dunstan, Missoula. May Bell of Helena expects to complete her course this summer. The MSLA extends congratulations to these girls and invites them to become members of the Association. Miss Guest will have charge of the West Side Branch Library at Great Falls.

An encouraging interest is being shown in county library development in Montana this year. The Flathead County Commissioners, following a hearing on May 16, voted for establishment of a free county library. Making a levy for its operation will be delayed until later. This library project has been pushed by various women's clubs of the county for several years. A request came to Miss Ford, chairman of the Regional Library Extension Committee, for someone to appear at the hearing. Miss Ratekin of Libby represented the committee most effectively. There remain difficulties to iron out. The Kalispell City Council has passed a resolution of intention to withdraw from the proposed county free library system

because city residents are already paying 2.5 mills for the upkeep of the city library. An attempt is being made to consolidate the city and county systems at the present city library building. July 6 has been set as the date for hearing protests against the withdrawal. The ILSLA will be watching developments with interest and hopes that some plan can be worked out so that a Flathead County Free Library will become a reality.

Miss Bonde spoke before the AAUW and the Home Demonstration Club at Lewistown on county and regional libraries. The AAUW voted to make a county library for Fergus County their project for the year.

Mrs. Coombs of Glendive reports that Dawson County is interested in a city-county contract plan for establishing county library service. At present Missoula County is the only one in the state with this type of county library set-up.

Miss Katekin has been working hard on the material to be presented at the state meeting of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs opening at Helena, June 18. We hope that she can interest the women in our plan for a regional library demonstration.

Miss Ford of Missoula and Miss Huston of Billings will attend ALA in Milwaukee. Mrs. Payson and Miss Winona Adams of Bozeman, Mrs. Benson of Havre, Miss Fulmer of Billings, and Miss Campbell of Missoula are making plans to go to Seattle for the FLA conference in August.

Katherine Parkins, 1938 Montana U. graduate, has completed her work in the School of Library Science, Columbia University, and graduated June 2. She has been appointed to a position in the Reference Department in U. S. History in the New York Public Library. Her address is 514 W. 114th Street, Apartment 72, New York City.

Mrs. Russell, assistant librarian at Hardin, is spending a month in Mexico.

Ruth Dickson, 1937 graduate of the Library School at Montana U. is now in the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. She left the position at Modesto, which she has held since graduation, in January when she went to San Francisco to take a three months' appointment in the Forest Service Library. After that work was concluded she accepted the position at the Naval Training Station. Ruth writes that the library is an excellent one, that she is in charge of a branch, and that the work is very interesting.

The Miles City Woman's Club has recently made a gift of \$45.00 to the Carnegie Library. The Club has sponsored the Children's Room since it was opened eleven years ago and has asked that this gift be spent for children's books.

Another large book rack for outsize books has been added to the equipment of the juvenile department of the Havre Public Library. One corner of the room has been made into a "See Folks" section.

The Chouteau County Free Library has sponsored this issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin.

ELEVENTH HOUR FLASH - The Victory Book Campaign has exceeded its quota with more than 10,000,000 volumes collected for the library service of soldiers, sailors, and marines. Director John M. Connor revealed that the books have been collected at a cost of less than half a cent a book.

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The sixty-fourth annual conference of the American Library Association closed on June 27, after six days of meetings that electrified librarians with the significance of the year's work ahead. Although attendance was lower than usual because of several factors, 2,350 delegates were present--more than the association expected for a wartime conference.

The theme of the general sessions was Winning the War and the Peace: How Libraries Can Help. General sessions speakers included Edgar Ansel Mowrer, foreign correspondent; Robert J. Blakely of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Ralph Beals, of the Public Library of the District of Columbia; Clarence A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin and Archibald Macleish, Librarian of Congress. A message from the (British) Library Association was telephoned across the Atlantic and recorded for presentation at the first general session. Lionel McColvin, librarian of the city of Westminster, London, England, told the librarians of America that their English colleagues knew the disheartening difficulties of work in wartime; yet "life even in wartime is rich and varied; indeed it tastes better than ever it did in spite of everything. Yet--the only good that will come out of this war is the good that we ourselves can put into it by seizing its opportunities. And so at your meetings I ask you--do not worry about your difficulties. Discuss instead your opportunities."

The opportunities were recognized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his message to the conference at the last general session. "You (librarians) are on guard not only against the threat of violence and destruction that may come to our libraries from beyond our borders but also against the slower death by neglect and disparagement that may imperil them from within. In your charge is the living record of all that man has accomplished in the long labor of liberty. By keeping that record always before the eyes of the American people you give them renewed strength in their struggle against the dark backwash of tyranny."

That government in this war is cooperating in the task of informing the people of America was the theme of Edgar Ansel Mowrer's speech at the first general session. Steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the sour taste which was left after the inflamed public opinion of the last war, he said. He praised the consolidation on June 13, of various government information agencies, into the new Office of War Information. He said "Polyphony in the government information field seems definitely out of order."

Turning to the place of books in wartime, Mowrer declared that "it is gospel truth that books could have prevented this war. This is an unnecessary war. At any time up to the Munich crisis, it could have been prevented if the peoples of Britain, France and the United States had said to Hitler: Stop, pipe down, get out! . . . whether we get a foolish peace or a peace of discernment will result very largely from the kind of books our people read between now and the day the peace congress gets going."

REPORT OF ALA CONFERENCE 1942
DOROTHY HUSTON--PARMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Statistics say that the sixty-fourth annual conference of the American Library Association was a comparatively small one, but to this librarian, attending her first conference, the 2300 delegates at Milwaukee formed an awe-inspiring group. It was comforting while one was walking down the street to see appearing continually those familiar buff envelopes which contained guidance for the ALA delegates. I for one made good use of the Milwaukee maps so thoughtfully provided.

The general sessions were excellent. The glow of the convention began for me the first evening when Miss Hazeltine was introduced. Then President Charles H. Brown gave an informal address striking the keynote for the convention, the library in a world at war. From that time on we were repeatedly reminded that we as librarians have a definite responsibility to serve our nation now, especially in the forming of public opinion. Mr. Mowrer, in his address at the first session, discussed the presentation of war information by the government through the Office of Facts and Figures.

Many people agreed that the highlights of the Conference were the addresses given by Robert J. Blakely and Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress. Since addresses have been published, there is no need to discuss them here. I am grateful for the privilege of hearing these men speak.

Of course, the Newbery dinner was a glamorous event. The book auction which followed was most interesting and profitable, too, for the Victory Book Campaign, which received the proceeds.

I also enjoyed the Friends of Libraries luncheon. It is fun to pretend for a little while that one belongs in such surroundings as the delightful Fern Room of the Hotel Pfister and the dazzling Crystal Ball Room of the Schroeder.

Altogether, being at an ALA conference is a grand experience and one for which I am thankful. The convention left one with the conviction more firmly held than ever that librarians really are important because it is our well-known privilege to bring together the reader and the book. In Mr. Mowrer's words,

"Books could have prevented this war. Books can decide what kind of peace we are going to win."

MONTANA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
INEZ RATEKIN, LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY, LIBBY

It was my privilege as Library Service Chairman for the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs to have a short spot on their convention program at Helena, to talk on county and regional libraries. Miss Ford kindly lent me one of her attractive posters about county library service in Montana, and I used this in the talk and later had it displayed in a prominent place. In my talk I spoke about the need for more library service, the practical scope of county and regional libraries, and the value in the present education for democracy and peace programs. Then, after telling about the desire of the Montana State Library Association and the Montana Library Extension Commission to cooperate to further library promotion projects, I said that public opinion must be roused to the need and that the clubs could do a great public service in starting and supporting such projects.

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN IN MONTANA

MARGARET FULMER, DIRECTOR

The gross total of books collected in Montana as reported by 52 directors in 52 counties (four counties, Carter, Glacier, Liberty, Ravalli have been inactive) is

66,741 books

Practically all of these books have been shipped to Mr. L. H. Kirkpatrick, Ln., University of Utah, Salt Lake, and redistributed throughout the Ninth Corps area. Mr. John M. Connor, Director, VBC, now asks Montana to send its books to

Miss Hazel Duncan
Victory Book Campaign
319 Western Avenue
Seattle, Washington

to be shipped from there to Alaska and other Pacific points. Please continue to report books ready for shipment to Mr. Connor first on the report form postals and he will send shipping addresses. Please notify Miss Margaret Fulmer, Director VBC in Montana, Public Library Billings, of the number of books collected in order to keep Montana's VBC record up-to-date and write her for postals and vouchers to fill out for payment of shipping costs.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE M.S.L.A FOR THE YEAR 1941-1942

Receipts:

Balance forwarded from Dorothy Huston	29.82
Dues collected from members	<u>100.00</u>
Total	129.82

Expenditures:

Paid to Havre Pub. Lib-for note book and filler	.80
" " " I. Goss--Bozeman Coll. Lib. for directories to be sent to A.L.A.; P.N.L.A. & M.S.L.A. Officials 6 at 35¢ each	2.10
Paid to Helen I. Goss for use in expanding directories	15.00
Paid to Nina M. Ford, Msla. Pub. Lib.-expenses for planning committee	7.60
Paid to Dorothy Huston, Parmly Billings Lib. for membership committee expenses-postage	<u>2.72</u>
Total	28.22
Balance on hand, May 5, 1942	101.60

Respectfully submitted
Hazel Christiansen, Treasurer

To succeed Mrs. Margaret McCarthy who recently resigned as Librarian in the Butte Public Library, Mayor Barry O'Leary appointed Julia Burke McMulle, widow of Leo McMullen. Mrs. McMullen is a native of Butte and a former member of the Butte teaching staff.

The Butte Public Library collected approximately 7,000 books during the Victory Book drive for the soldiers. Residents of Butte are to be complimented on the type and condition of the books donated.

Mrs. Anna Bielenberg, Librarian of the Conrad Kohrs Memorial Library, Deer Lodge, has been away from the Library since the first of April, taking a six months' leave of absence and a much needed rest. She spent two months in Colorado and plans to visit Montana cities during the remainder of the time. Miss Marion Brown has been acting librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1942
DILLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The number of books loaned for the year is 11,589. Considering the number of patrons who have gone to war, or into defense work on the coast, this is a satisfactory record.

Of the 231 books added to the Library 167 were purchased and 64 were gifts.

The Kiwanis Club gave the loan of a number of books and pamphlets to form a Vocational Guidance Library. The vocational section of our Library was weak, and this loan is a great help and is much appreciated. These books are especially useful to High School students. A separate book case has been provided for them.

A new book case has been installed for the Lucy Hamilton Carson Alcove. This was paid for with money given by the Shakespeare Club.

The Library has been a collecting center for books for Beaverhead County for the Victory Book Campaign. 1196 books have been donated. 400 were sent to Salt Lake City. Through the kindness of Mr. Hyrum Rodgers and Mr. Rex Ward they were delivered free of charge. 200 books were sent recently to Seattle. The books received lately met the rigid test "What Men Like" much better than those received at first. Fewer have had to be discarded.

The Library staff has been occupied in transferring a large part of the library books to the Dewey system of classification. They had been classified under the Cutter system.

Some of the people of the Ermont and Bon Accord mines have found the Library a source of enjoyment, and have contributed liberally to the Victory Book Campaign.

The rural teachers have been grateful for the privilege of borrowing books for their school children and themselves.

The children have responded delightfully to the introduction hour for new books. The object of the hour is to give background and interpretation for the better understanding of the books to be read by them.

Money collected from fines and rentals amounted to \$194.51.

Margaret Dunstan who was graduated from the State University in June with a major in library science has been appointed to the staff of the Missoula Public Library.

Velma Rouse is a new member of the student staff at the Missoula Public Library.

Virginia Smith formerly of the Missoula Public Library staff, and now chief librarian of the Lockheed Vega Corporation in Los Angeles visited in Missoula during her vacation.

Nina Ford, Librarian, Carnegie Public Library, and Winnifred Feighner, Assistant Librarian, Montana State University, left Missoula on June 19th, going by train to Milwaukee to attend the American Library Association Convention in Milwaukee. They were accompanied by Miss Lucia Haley, Assistant Librarian, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. Miss Kathryn Geiger, Librarian, Missoula High School, who is visiting at her home in Wisconsin for the summer, also attended several sessions. Unusually cool weather during the whole time of convention made attendance at all meetings comfortable; Milwaukee's hospitality added much to the entertainment features; and although the attendance was lower this year than for some time, the whole affair went off well, and was most interesting. The main theme, was, of course, the part libraries must play in the war.

The PNLA Conference will be held in Seattle August 26-28. The Quarterly will be off the press soon with announcements for the program.

The MSLA History compiled by Mrs. Emlyn Benson will be mimeographed by the Fort Benton Library and sent to all members of the association in the fall.

"Forward With Books" will again be the slogan for Children's Book Week, November 15-21. Write Bookweek Headquarters, 62 W. 45th St., New York City for posters and other suggestions for its observance.

We wish to congratulate Miss Margaret Fulmer, Librarian of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, who has received the nomination for the office of First Vice-President of PNLA, and Miss Winona Adams, of the Montana State College Library, who was nominated for Treasurer of PNLA.

Miss Winnifred Feighner of the Montana State University Library has been appointed Historian for MSLA to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Geneva Cook, Librarian of the Bozeman Public Library.

Having installed a Gaylord charging machine early in December, we have been busy re-registering the borrowers' cards at the Hearst Free Library. Altho it has been a tedious task it has been one of satisfaction, not only to the staff but to the patrons as well.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. John B. Ritch, librarian of the Historical Society of Montana, 1937-1941. Mr. Ritch died at the Veterans' Hospital, Helena, Montana, May 29, 1942.

The Montana State Library Association extends its sympathy to Miss Doris E. Wilson for the loss of her father whose death occurred in Tacoma, Washington in June.

Editor: Inez C. Haskins

Butte High School Library, Butte, Montana

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CHALLENGE TO MONTANA LIBRARIANS

It may be that the MSLA legislative fight this year will be to try to preserve such legislation as we have, rather than to work for new laws. The SLEC and board of library examiners has been listed among the boards, commissions and similar state agencies recommended for elimination by the Governor's Committee on Reorganization and Economy. The committee recommends that the functions of these library agencies be vested in the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Many librarians have already registered protest against such action. Will you do your part in bringing pressure to bear on the committee to preserve the

SLEC? Write to Mr. Fred Bennion, Secretary
Committee on Reorganization and Economy
State Capitol
Helena, Montana

The plan is to send an MSLA representative to the next meeting of the Reorganization Committee to present our case. Your letters, together with publicity given the matter through clubs and newspapers, will help to pave the way for her arguments and lend them added force. Let us rouse ourselves to fight this new threat to library progress in Montana.

Ellen Torgrimson, President
Montana State Library Association

At a meeting of the Missoula Public Library Board held Monday evening, October 19, it was decided by unanimous vote to protest the action of the Governor's Committee on Reorganization recommending the abolishment of the State Library Extension Commission and the transfer of its powers and duties to the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution to be sent to the Secretary of the Governor's Committee, the Governor, and the President of the Montana State Library Association. Members of the library board were united in feeling that it was very unjust that this action should be taken without giving the librarians of the state a chance to be heard.

One of the first acts of the Japanese in the Philippines was to destroy an American library. The policy of the Nazis and the Fascists toward libraries, librarians, writers of books and readers of books has long been familiar to us. The Japanese by their act of barbarism adopted the Nazis' policy for themselves.

But they did more than that. They brought directly home to Americans the menace of this war to American civilization, American culture and American books--as well as those who use American books, produce American books and care for American books. Most of us have realized for a long time that we Americans were not immune. The fact is now made apparent to all of us.

The consequence is to underline emphatically the position of librarians in this war. They are combatants from this time on in all countries where free libraries and free culture still exist. As combatants they have a right to know what their combatant duties are--in what ways they can fight back and what fronts are committed to their charge.

Library associations and meetings of librarians all over the country have been devoted for many months to the consideration of these problems. From my point of view as the Director of the Office of War Information, there is one front on which the services of librarians are urgently required. Librarians occupy a position in American life which enables them to see to it that the people of this country have the facts before them.

Teachers and writers can and do perform useful services on this front, but neither writers nor teachers have at their disposition in their professional work the facilities which the librarian employs. The librarian has around him, or should have, the books in which the facts are presented--the books in which the problems are posed, the considerations are reviewed and the facts are made evident. Librarians in their professional duty are continually concerned with the problem of directing their readers to the materials which their readers require. In the present war as never before, this duty of librarians assumes a first and pressing importance and librarians in consequence carry a responsibility such as they never carried in our history.

I have been gratified to note the concern of the various library associations with this problem. The office of War Information would be happy indeed to be of service to these associations and to individual librarians in meeting the various problems which have presented themselves. A part--and one of the most important parts of the work of the Office of War Information--can only be successfully performed with the cooperation of American libraries and American librarians. I am profoundly grateful for the offers of cooperation which have come to me and I for my part should like to offer in return the fullest cooperation by my office and all its members. American librarians have already taken up the challenge with which this war has faced them. I should like to work beside them in the common cause.

"On each of the weekly broadcasts of the Helena Schools this year over KPFA, a book review of a current book received by the High School Library is to be given. New reference books, non-fiction, biography, and fiction will be featured. This will give the parents an opportunity to know the additions to the library and some idea of its contents."

program for this PNLA Conference. Most of the time went for the presentation and discussion of issues important in the world today, rather than to the techniques of librarianship, which our professional literature pretty well covers.

The highlight to many of us was the Third General Session, Mr. C. K. Morison, Provincial Librarian, Victoria, presiding over Labor: What Labor Can Do For the Library." Outstanding speakers were Mr. Harold E. Winch, Canadian labor leader and member of the Provincial Legislature; and Mr. J. Scott Milne of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, San Francisco. Both pointed out in a telling way what labor needed and wanted in educational help from the library: help of a technical nature (books to help him do a better job), and help of a philosophical nature (books to aid him in orienting himself in the world of today). They put the responsibility squarely on the librarians to provide this material, to contact the labor groups and to sell the library's services to their members.

Miss Alice Frost of the Seattle Public Library, and Miss Nellie Fisher of the Library Association of Portland spoke of their libraries' efforts to meet this responsibility. A good general discussion followed and the audience left with the feeling that the labor movement was one of the most important phases of our times, that cooperation and understanding must help its best leaders to fit it into the total picture of society as it functions today--and tomorrow. The discussions were practical, but were instinct with the passion and faith that we work out our destiny, not as isolated groups, but together, and that education in its largest sense is the catalyst that will make the mixture into the united nation we hope for."

Lois B. Payson

"One of the outstanding gatherings of the PNLA conference this past summer was the "Friends of the Library" luncheon at the Women's University Club, in Seattle. This building is most attractive and was a delightful setting for a meeting of this sort.

"The guest of honor was Miss Anne Carroll Moore, formerly supervisor of children's work in the New York Public Library. The subject of her talk was "Planning for the Future." Miss Moore is a very charming person and an excellent speaker.

"Some of the Montana Librarians enjoyed a rare treat when they were guests, one evening during the convention, at the Penthouse. Students of the Washington State University presented the play "Women of the Jury" at that time.

"Those who attended the banquet at the Hotel Meany, the first night of the convention, were delighted with the toastmistress, our own Lois Payson."

Emlyn Benson

"How the County Library Works" was the subject of a talk given by Miss Ratekin, at the annual meeting of the County Federation of Women's Clubs held at Kalispell, September 30.

The Harlem library has moved to new quarters in the civic center. It is sponsored by the Harlem Women's Club and Mrs. Grace F. Kennedy is the librarian.

The Butte Public Library is being renovated and there is much to-do with painters, etc. The results, however, will be very attractive.

Mrs. Grawe of the Flathead County High School reports that, "Due to the war there are many changes every day in the enrollment of students. So many are dropping out either to go to defense work or join up with the armed forces. Many families are moving into Kalispell, so new students are entering every week.

Many students are working part time down town--they have much less time for recreational reading.

My chief interest is collecting material on POST-WAR PROBLEMS AND PLANS FOR THE PEACE. Has every one discovered the splendid series of articles in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR on "The World We Want"?

There are 61 paid-up members in Montana State Library Association. We would appreciate it very much if more members would send in their dues of \$1.00.

We have been instructing all Freshmen English Classes in the use of the library.

Miss Dorothy Phelps is working with the Puget Sound News Company in Seattle."

Miss Ruth Sultzer, children's librarian of the Butte Public Library, has the following duplicate copies of St. Nicholas Magazine which she will give to any librarian who wishes them for her library. The only cost to you will be the transportation charges. This may be your opportunity to fill in missing numbers!

vol. 8 pt. 1	vol. 19 pt. 1 - 2 copies, one
vol. 10 pt. 2	needs binding
vol. 11 pt. 1	vol. 20 pt. 2 - 2 copies
vol. 12 pt. 1	vol. 21 pt. 2
vol. 13 pt. 1	vol. 22 pt. 2
vol. 13 pt. 2 - 3 copies	vol. 25 pt. 2
vol. 14 pt. 1 - 2 copies, one in poor condition	vol. 26 pt. 2
vol. 14 pt. 2	vol. 41 pt. 2
vol. 15 pt. 1	vol. 42 pt. 1
vol. 15 pt. 2	vol. 42 pt. 2 - 2 copies
vol. 16 pt. 1	vol. 46 pt. 1
vol. 17 pt. 1 - 2 copies, one unbound	vol. 46 pt. 2
vol. 17 pt. 2 - 2 copies, one unbound	vol. 27 pt. 2
vol. 18 pt. 1 - 2 copies, one needs binding	vol. 48 pt. 1 - 2 copies
vol. 18 pt. 2	vol. 48 pt. 2 - 4 copies
	vol. 49 pt. 1 - needs mending

Books which are badly worn, soiled, old, out-of-date.

Books written for women and children....Tom Swifts, Rover Boys, books by Ethel M. Dell, Kathleen Norris, Temple Bailey, etc. cannot be used.

Of the grade and high school textbooks only mathematics books published since 1935 and only language books and readers published since 1935 can be used.

Biographies of little known people, poetry of little known poets and university theses cannot be used.

Authors popular thirty, forty, fifty years ago, such as F. Marian Crawford, cannot be used.

Report on the VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

BOOKS COLLECTED	10,257,760
BOOKS DISTRIBUTED	4,621,615

ARMY	
Camps, USO, etc.	1,903,834
Overseas	<u>930,502</u>

NAVY	
Merchant Marine	269,815
USO clubs	694,938
American war prisoners through the American Red Cross	<u>30,050</u>
	792,476

MONTANA HAS COLLECTED	67,294
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A CALL TO ARMS

With the closing of the "polls" December 19, the vote stands 23 to 17 in favor of retaining the S.L.E.C. Our work is now cut out for us and we must act at once. I have appointed on a committee to carry the fight to the legislature those who seem most sympathetic to the cause and who can most conveniently go to Helena if need be. Chairman of the committee is Miss Kathleen Campbell, University Library; with Miss Nina Ford, Missoula and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Helena, as other members. They are all intensely interested in keeping the SLEC law on the Statutes, but they need your help. Don't fail them.

You must get in touch with your legislators as soon as possible, arranging a personal meeting if possible, but if that is not feasible write a good forceful letter. Inform your legislators that the M.S.L.A. is opposed to the plan proposed by the Governor's Committee on Reorganization and Economy to abolish the S.L.E.C. and place its function in the Dept. of Education. The Association has voted to urge that the State Library Extension

There are clubs and organizations in every county which could be helpful in adding force to our cause. Write or address these clubs asking their support, as a unit and individually.

Many of the Bulletin readers were not given an opportunity to vote. Ballots were sent only to 1942-43 members of the Montana State Library Association. Whether you are a member of the association or not, however, we need your help and ask you to do your part in maintaining the SLEC as a separate entity, not subordinate to the Dept. of Education. What the SLEC needs is enlargement not extinction, funds to work with, not annihilation. It has never been given a fair chance to function effectively.

We shall try to keep you informed of progress. Watch your state papers and keep on the alert, ready to act at a moment's notice if called on by the committee.

Ellen Torgrimson, President
Montana State Library Association

potential sponsors of regional or local institutes, to A.L.A. committees and boards whose work is in the field of the institutes, to presidents and secretaries of A.L.A. divisions which hold business meetings in Chicago, and to individual librarians who will be asked to organize regional institutes. Members of A.L.A. boards and committees and officers of divisions attending official meetings in Chicago and certain professional members of the A.L.A. Headquarters staff will be invited to attend as observers, to the limit of the seating capacity of the balcony of the Drake Hotel ballroom.

The change in dates for the National Institute will unavoidably cancel any acceptances or refusals of invitations that we may have already received. Please let us know definitely whether you expect to attend.

Regional and local institutes. The plan calls for twenty regional institutes to be held as soon as possible after the National institute. Following them it is hoped that hundreds of local institutes within the reach of all librarians and trustees will be organized by persons who have attended the institutes in regional centers.

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

Will all local directors for the VBC in Montana please report to

Mr. John M. Connor, Director
Victory Book Campaign
1630 Empire State Building
New York, N.Y.

at once the number of books sorted as suitable for distribution still on hand? And

Hold any books donated after December 1 and include with new gifts when received?

Will all local directors please send to Miss Margaret Fulmer, Director VBC in Montana, Public Library, Billings, Montana, at once the total number of books collected for the VBC since the opening of the campaign January 12 through November 30, 1942? And also any unreported transportation expenses up to November 30, 1942? This report from Montana is needed by VBC headquarters.

Sally Falkner, Director of VBC in Custer County reports a recent shipment of 100 books to Fort William Henry Harrison, Helena, Montana. All books were in fine condition. The Northwest Freight Lines continue to handle all VBC books out of Miles City free of charge.

The WPA library in Butte will rebind and mend the books when necessary and will try to obtain books from the post library from available sources in the state.

The new library is housed in the south portion of the Service Club and has books shelved on one side of a long room which is partitioned from the Club. Under the windows on the opposite side of the room are reading tables and chairs and at one end are writing desks and a number of magazine racks.

The room is pleasant, warm and well lighted. The curtains at the windows, which were sewed by Helena women, are made of monks cloth and are colorfully decorated with red, white and blue stripes. Pictures from the WPA Art project in Butte decorate the walls.

Signed Wilber F. Hathaway
Captain, Infantry

Due to the lack of newspaper men and facilities, Mable T. Miller requests each librarian to do her share to see that this above message is given to her local newspaper and broadcast from her local radio station.

ATTENTION ALL LIBRARIANS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

If you are a member of the old Section for Library Work With Children (branch of A.L.A.) you will know that the Section adopted a new constitution and changed its name to CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. The newly formed CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION needs the support of all who work with children and it has much to offer in return! When you send in your A.L.A. dues for 1943 (and please make an "all out" effort to enlarge our A.L.A. membership) check the CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION as the group you wish to be associated with. There is no additional charge for designating this preference. Of the 1800 members in this group there are only a few from our district. Isn't this a challenge? If we are to be effective as a group we must be united!

Signed - Sally Faulkner
Membership Chairman for Montana and Wyoming

THE ATLANTIC CHARTER was discussed by the PBML december 6 at 3 PM. by James H. Kilborne sponsored by the Library's adult education service to help Billings become better informed on the issues of the war and peace. This discussion was the "outgrowth" of the suggestion of a reader who feels that the present concentration on winning the war should not crowd out reading and thinking on post war problems. If successful, perhaps future discussions can be offered by the library in an effort to carry out the American Library Association's statement of policy on "Libraries and the War".

BOOK WEEK

Parmly Billings Memorial Library reports that Book Week, November 15-21, was celebrated with the first story hour of the season, Saturday, November 15, at which time the summer reading club awards were made. A Book Week broadcast over KGHL of "The American ABC" by Maud and Miska Petersham, in which an alphabet of elementary school students took part, was directed by Miss Olive Scholz, speech teacher in the Billings schools, and Miss Olive Brain, PBML's children's librarian. Window exhibits in the Montana Power Company, Elliot, Inc., and "After all there is nothing like a good book" suggesting children's books for Christmas buying, helped advertise the week. The release for circulating over 200 new children's books after the Story Hour, November 21, concluded Book Week.

"Ourselves", "Tips to 'teens", "On the air", books about radio, "School days", stories about high school and college, "Adventures on the High Seas", and "Animals", are new reading lists released during Book Week to the young people. They were compiled by Miss Patricia J. Tout, Young Adult's Librarian on the staff of PBML. Reader's advisory service to young people is available daily from 4 to 6 P.M., with aids to required reading, suggestions for reading for fun and books about hobbies. An up-to-date collection of special interest, and movie guides are part of the library's service to young adults.

"National Book Week" was observed in the Havre Public Library by having attractive displays in the adult and juvenile departments. During the week grades one to four, from the Public and Parochial schools, were invited to visit the Library, with their teachers. Each class was taken on a tour of the various departments. Short talks were given by the librarian, and a book mark was presented to each pupil. In the downtown business section books and pamphlets were shown. This display attracted much attention. Some of the volumes have been in constant demand since "Book Week". A check was presented the Library by the Havre Woman's Club, to purchase books for the Juvenile Department. A committee was also appointed by the Club to assist in conveying material needed for the downtown exhibit.

Bibles - ranging from the white bible of the Rainbow girl to the Bible in modern Aramaic - were featured in an extensive display in observation of National Bible Week, by the Kalispell Public Library. The foreign languages were represented by copies of the Bible in French, Turkish, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. One copy of the New Testament had wooden covers cut from the olive trees in Jerusalem and carved by the workmen there. There was a copy of the Psalms in modern speech and different versions or modern translations. The exhibition was pleasingly arranged against a white background on a tiered table. A special display was made during Nation Book Week to feature the books given by the American Legion Auxiliary of Kalispell. The Auxiliary Emblem lamp was borrowed for the occasion and that plus a red, white and blue sign designating the donors, made a gay display at the entrance of the Library.

PERSONAL

Elaine B. Nelson of the State University library Staff was married to Howard R. Flint on November 5. The ceremony took place at St. Paul's Luthern church in Missoula, with the Rev. R. Daehlin officiating. The bride attended the Duluth State Teachers college and was graduated from the College of St. Scholastica and the University of Michigan. Mr. Flint attended the College of the American Gymnastic Union in Indianapolis and Montana State University. He is at present employed as a flight instructor for the Johnson Flying service in Missoula. Mrs. Flint is continuing her work in the University library.

"Saleesh House", the first trading post among the flathead, by Miss Catherine White, Reference Librarian, Montana State University Library, is published in the current issues of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly.

Mrs. Eugene E. Gilmer (nee June Spear) has resigned her position as Assistant in the Miles City Carnegie Library to be effective December first. June plans to join her husband at Fort Worden, Washington, where he is in military service. Miss Marion Mackinnon formerly employed at the library will return to fill the vacancy.

Sally Falkner, Children's Librarian, Miles City has been appointed to serve on the W.A.A.C. Recruit Procurement Board for Miles City and vicinity. The purpose of the Board is to obtain acceptable recruits for the Women's Army. The Library will be an information center for WAAC.

Mrs. Laura Zook, Librarian at Miles City is preparing a paper on her First Christmas in Miles Town, to be used at the December meeting of the Miles City Woman's Club. To quote Mrs. Zook: "It may be of some small interest to you to know what one family in Miles Town had for Christmas dinner on Christmas 1878: Beaver tail soup, buffalo hump roast, Mashed potatoes with gravy, Cole slaw, Latticed cranberry pie and coffee. Fruit cake and Champagne were served later." The recipe for Beaver tail soup follows:

"Chop tail off beaver; place tail on bed of coals until skin blisters. The skin strongly resembles cat fish skin. Peel. Cut into small pieces then proceed as for turtle soup. Very rich."

Miss Dorothy Phelps, former librarian of Kalispell Public Library, is now with the Puget Sound News of Seattle, Washington. Her present address is 4547 17th North East, Seattle, Washington.

Miss Winona Adams, cataloger at the Montana State College Library, received word of the death of her father this month. The Association extends its sympathies to Miss Adams in her loss.

Mrs. Alice Kendall is the new librarian of the Sidney Public Library. She was appointed by the Library Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Harnish, and took over her duties in July.

Mae Bell of last year's Library Class U. of M. writes that she is at Boeings, has been there since Sept. 8, and likes the work. She is employed in the Engineering Department. Her address is 4518 19th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington.

Louise Guest who graduated from the Library School at the University in June is now employed at Boeings, in Seattle.

"By the shores of Silver Lake" by Laura Wilder was announced by the Children's and School Librarian's Section of the P.N.L.A. in August 1942, as the third book selected as the young Reader's Choice, the spontaneous preference of the boys and girls of the Northwest among books of recent publication.

The theme of the next issue of the BULLETIN, January-February, 1943, is "county libraries", in charge of Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, Big Horn County Free Library, Hardin, Montana. She wishes all items in by February 1st, and hopes especially, that every County Librarian in the state will respond. Remember the deadline--February 1.

We wish to thank all those who sent news items and reports to be published in this BULLETIN. Through their kindness we are happy to serve in a small way our State Library Association. The mimeographing was done by the Commercial Department of the Dawson County Junior College.

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COUNTY LIBRARY EDITION

Blaine County Library, Chinook, Montana, (Mrs.) Catherine E. O'Brien,
Librarian.

Book Week was celebrated by having two tables of new books for children. One table had a book about each of our United Nations and from each book flowed their countrys' flag. A map on the wall had a little stuffed doll dressed in native costume hanging by a ribbon from each country. Book Marks were given out during the week.

We now have an exhibit of new art work by a local girl, Miss Evalyn Cole. Miss Cole has made twelve busts to represent the months of the year. Each bust is individual in structure and coloring to symbolize the month it represents. The coloring follows closely to natures changes.

We are busy at present with the VBC. Books are coming in every day.

Chouteau County Free Library, Fort Benton, Montana.
Miss Ellen Torgrimson, Librarian.

1941-42 Circulation	- 23,053
Fine collection	- \$60.20
Book collection	- 19,433
Registered borrowers	- 1,483

In the Victory Book Campaign we have sent requests to clubs and organizations in the county asking that they contribute money for purchase of new books. Already we are getting encouraging response. Contributions of books are accepted, too.

Flathead County Library Project, Kalispell, Montana.

WELCOME AND CORDIAL GREETINGS TO OUR NEW COUNTY LIBRARY!

The Flathead county library was first the thought of Mrs. M. C. Manning who at that time was the wife of a farmer in the Lower Valley. It grieved her to know that the rural people of the county do not have adequate library service, and that many of them cannot afford to use the books in the city library. She had studied the county library movement, and had a vision of a county library and what it would accomplish for the rural schools and high schools and for the people in our county.

She presented this at the annual meeting of the County Federation of Womens Clubs in September, 1936, and it was made the major project of the Federation for the coming year. The project was started right away under the able supervision of Mrs. Manning, and would have been completed that year except for the long illness and the death of Mr. Manning which resulted in her departure from the state to finish her college course.

There are many who deserve honorable mention for their work in circulating petitions. The people in Somers, Big Fork, Benton, Half Moon and Columbia Falls signed almost 100%. There were rural districts where the canvassers contacted every tax-payer in the district. In Columbia Falls the method was unique. Tom Caverly, the editor, was one of the judges of election and when people came to vote he asked the tax-payers to sign the library petition; and since he knew them all, no mistakes were made. We found out that a card party or small party was a good place to circulate petitions, while public meetings, or those called by organizations were not. People seemed to resent having the library project presented at meetings where they had important business of their own.

The county library was established at a public hearing held May 16, 1942. Special thanks go to Mrs. Dean King for inviting Miss Inez Ratzkin, County Librarian, Lincoln County, to be her guest so that she could attend this hearing. Miss Ratzkin gave an interesting and instructive talk and answered questions. At the Federation meeting in September, 1942, she was the main speaker. Then in July, 1942, we again met with county commissioners to ask them for a one mill levy for the operation of the library. They made no promises that day, but later made a levy of one-half mill. There were about twenty present at each of these meetings. They were very good meetings because almost every one present joined in the discussion. All were in favor of the library.

In December, the commissioners appointed Mrs. Joe Adolbert, Mrs. Eva Cassel and myself to serve as a library board. Our term of office began January 1, 1943. The tax valuation of Flathead County is \$10,322,516. Kalispell and Whitefish have withdrawn leaving a valuation of \$7,109,111. A one-half mill tax will give us \$3,554.00.

The county owns a good residence which was included when a gravel pit was bought. The county also owns three vacant lots not far from the high school. It will take all the money we have to move this building and build a basement and convert it into a library. But after July 1, we will be able to draw from the new levy.

A great deal needs to be done before our county library is operating, and sending books to our 45 rural schools, four high schools, at least three branch libraries and several book stations. But at least the first chapter of our history has been completed.

Miss Anna L. Olsrud,
Kalispell, Montana. Route 1B

(Well done - You deserve a hand - H. C.)

Lincoln County Free Library, Libby Montana
Inez Ratzkin, Librarian.

Lincoln County Free Library, in the extreme northwest corner of the state, has been jaunting along very much as usual this season. At the beginning of school we started our yearly Reading Plan for school children through the eight grades. In the spring those fulfilling requirements will win reading awards.

During Book Week the annual Book Week Contest was the main interest, aside from the displays of new books. This year the contest was figures from books, made of any material. An exhibit of stuffed cloth characters, a collection made from paper mache, a group of soap carvings, and some figures made of wood, were the prize winners and some of them were unbelievably well done. It is amazing the interest

McCone County was discontinued last fall, the library is exchanging books for only 23 schools this season as against 39 last year. Books are sent to and from schools by mail.

The Victory Book Campaign in McCone County is not going over as well as last year, about 200 books has been collected so far, we have about 100 ready for shipment. We clean and mend them before they are sent.

This month, - the 22nd - our library has its 13th birthday.

We have about 6,000 books and subscribe to 35 periodicals.

Madison County Library, Virginia City, Montana
(Mrs.) Florence Thomas, Librarian.

The Thompson-Hickman County Library at the present has a collection of 6,775 books. At least \$100.00 is spent each year for new books, but we depend on individuals for the donation of magazines.

The circulation of books for the year was 5,196. Having lost a great number of families from Virginia City, the circulation has fallen off considerably. Twenty deposit stations are maintained at the rural schools throughout the county so the library is still doing good work.

The library collected 939 books for the Victory Book Drive and at present is promoting another drive.

Some of the most popular books have been, "Berlin Diary", "Out of the Night", "Doctors Mayo" and "The Sun is my Undoing".

Seventy-eight new books were placed on the shelves for Book Week and were voted very popular.

Mineral County Public Library, Superior, Montana
Miss Idella Hodgins, Librarian.

Our Library has added a section of new shelves for books and another section will soon be needed as we again are crowded for space.

A few books were added to our list a few weeks ago. They are: "The Robe", "Assignment in Brittany", "The Cup and the Sword", "Drivin' Woman", "The Song of Bernadette" and "They were Expendable". So far "The Robe" seems to be more in demand by our readers than any of the others.

We have a story-hour for pre-school children every Wednesday morning at the library room. This is conducted by the librarian. The attendance has been very good and better than in previous years. The children enjoy it a great deal. They are told two stories. The first story they dramatize the best they can and they find this a lot of fun. They are taught finger plays and nursery rhymes during the rest of the period. Little wooden benches were donated by a resident to the library for the children to use as we have been unable to buy chairs.

We have at the present time 4,000 volumes in the library. Forty-four books have been collected in Superior for the Victory Book Campaign. We expect more to arrive soon as the branch libraries have not sent theirs yet.

Phillips County Library, Malta, Montana
(Mrs.) Eunice O. Ward, Librarian.

Circulation statistics (taken from annual report ending July, 1942):
Grand Total- Adult and juvenile-13,147 (Books & magazines)
Magazines loaned 2,336. Books accessioned 503, of these 134
were gifts.

Four sets of Stereopticon views were added to the collection and one
new Stereoscope, making four altogether. These were loaned to branch
libraries and country school teachers. The teachers were allowed all
the books they wished - some taking out as many as 25 at a time.
Many books are mailed out to the different teachers. Branch libraries
at Dodson and Saco borrowed 335 books.

Borrowers registration list number 1,300 - 157 of these were added
the last six months. There was a W.P.A. assistant for three months
in spring of 1942. She bound 171 books and repaired 41 magazines
besides other work. A senior high school girl helped - completing her
Trades and Industry course in May, 1942. With the knowledge gained
she was able to earn money during summer at the college library at
Billings and also the present school year.

In the summer of 1942 the library ceiling and walls were redecorated
making a vast improvement. The floors were oiled and shelves and
books thereby cleaned.

Books number 12,000. Every two or three weeks we put a notice in the
county paper listing new books with a short review of each, with other
library news of interest. From comments noted it is well received.

Some of the most popular books in our library are: "Berlin Diary",
"From the Land of Silent People", "The Woman you want to be", "Past
Imperfect", "One Foot in Heaven", "Sabotage", "Admiral of the Ocean
Sea", "Ramparts of the Pacific", "King's Row", "Drivin' Woman", "Now
Voyager" and "And Now Tomorrow".

Rosebud County Library, Forsyth, Montana
Miss Audrey Freshour, Librarian.

The most popular books in our library right now are: "The Robe", "The
War has Seven Faces", "Song of Bernadette", "The Book of Claudia",
"America Speaks" and "All that Glitters".

We are still collecting Victory books although they are not coming in
as fast now as when the campaign first started.

We send books to our branch libraries and many country people, espe-
cially school teachers throughout the county. It has been a great
help to us to receive information and material from government pub-
lications about armed forces and civilian participation in the war.

I have only been librarian since the 1st of July, 1942, but I am
beginning my fourth year here in this library and enjoy my work very
much.

Sheridan County Free Library, Plentywood, Montana.
(Mrs.) Bertha Oswald, Librarian.

Sheridan County Free Library is open 33 hours each week. Average
circulation last month was 62 books each day. We have two branches,
one at Westby and one at Dagmar. We purchased two sets of Encycloped-

Our summer reading program enrolled 40 boys and girls, of whom 26 read the required 8 books and received a summer reading certificate. The winter reading program aims at making all-round readers by dividing the books into 5 groups -- fiction, biography and travel, social science and history, pure science and useful arts, Bible stories, music and picture study and miscellaneous. Each grade has a schedule of requirements of the number of books to be read from each group. Reading more books than required earns seals. The children like the reading club. They report on their books on bright colored auto-graph paper, each color representing one of the five groups mentioned above. Last spring 90 boys and girls received certificates. This work is carried on thru the schools.

Big Horn County Free Library, Hardin, Montana
(Mrs.) Hazel Christiansen, Librarian

Our report for 1942 shows a decrease in our circulation from our 1941 circulation, when we loaned over 80,000 volumes. However, since so many have left our county for the army and defense work we really cannot expect an increase. Nearly 600 borrowers cards have been withdrawn that belonged to patrons leaving the county.

60,204 books were circulated during 1942 - 54,121 were borrowed from the library in Hardin and 6,083 loaned through the branches.

366 new borrowers registered during the year.

2,146 books repaired.

89 books were borrowed through interlibrary loan.

969 new books were prepared and added to the shelves.

\$78.09 was collected in fines.

Information for over 700 major references was located.

Books are sent to all schools in the county and the local schools are dependent on our library for outside reading and reference material.

We have about 15,000 volumes and over 5,000 borrowers.

FACTS ABOUT THE 1943 VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

The 1943 Victory Book Campaign is designated by the Army and the Navy as the official agency for the collection of books to be distributed among the nation's fighting men. Sponsoring the drive to obtain "More and better books" in 1943 are the American Library Association, The American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations.

In 1942 more than eleven million books were contributed in the VBC. Approximately 50% of these, after weeding, were suitable for distribution. The campaign this year stresses both quality and quantity with the emphasis on quality. The basic strategy is to present the 1943 VBC in terms of books each individual can and is supposed to give to the individual soldier and sailor. The purpose is to enable the individual giver to identify himself with the reading needs of an individual soldier, sailor, marine or merchantman. Attic cleaning psychology in stimulating people to contribute is taboo. We should not be making insignificant sacrifices in giving books. The final test is "Any book you really want to keep is a good one to give."

The collection of these books is a national effort in which every group interest and interested group are pulling together. Emphasis will be placed everywhere on the fact that this is not a drive of the library alone, or the Red Cross or the USO. It is the huge cooperative effort of every element in our society, working together to secure these books for the armed forces.

projects the pictures on the reading table for which purpose small screens are provided. The plan has proved to be very popular, not only among high school students, but also among older people preparing themselves for war production work. Mr. Miller is enthusiastic about the possibilities of the plan, and states that more kits will be added as they are available. Miss Ethel Kellow, of the Mark Twain branch, states that the films have greatly increased the demand for books dealing with technological subjects.

Miss Geneva Cook, Librarian, Bozeman Public Library, announces they have a Neon sign. Their basement has started on a rejuvenation era - as a start the children's room has been painted and cleaned and the store room has a new ceiling. They are in hopes to keep this up until the entire building has been renovated.

Miss Katherine Anderson, President, PNLA, announces two committee appointments:

Miss Dorothy Peterson of the Montana University Library staff has been appointed to the National Defense committee.

Miss Virginia Sanders, Parnly Billings Memorial Library, is Montana's representative on the Publications Committee for the PNLA QUARTERLY. Montana librarians wishing to contribute articles, news notes, etc., for publication in the QUARTERLY will please send the material to Miss Sanders.

Mrs. Mildred Grawo, Librarian, Flathead County High School Library, Kalispell, Montana, is Treasurer for MSIA. Those who have not already sent in their 1942-43 dues, please send them to her at once, so that our membership will be 100% before our state meeting is held.

1942-43 Montana State Library Association officers are:

President -- Ellen Torgrimson, Chouteau County Library,
Fort Benton, Montana
Vice President -- Sally Falkner, Public Library, Miles City,
Montana
Secretary -- Elsie Lundberg, High School Library, Helena, Montana
Treasurer -- Mildred Grawo, Flathead High School library,
Kalispell, Montana

Inez Ratekin, Librarian, Lincoln County Library, Libby, Montana, will publish the March-April MSIA Bulletin. Please send all news items to her by the first of April. This is to be the "Pre-Convention" issue.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to this number of the Bulletin.



PORT BENTON MONT APRIL 5 1943

MISS INEZ RAREKIN

LINCOLN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY LIBBY MONT

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING BUTTE MAY 3RD AND 4TH
HEADQUARTERS FINLEY HOTEL. URGE ATTENDANCE
CONDITIONS MORE FAVORABLE NOW THAN NEXT YEAR

ELLEN TORCHILSON

After weeks and days of uncertainty here comes the welcome message of our President who says we shall meet. With libraries in such an important role in the war and in post-war planning, we can not but think that this is a good decision. We hope each Library will be represented at this very important meeting. Let's keep together, plan together, accomplish together!

My friends, the time is drawing near
When we should start to get in gear.
At such a time we can't be mute--
We all must plan to meet in Butte!

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Libby, Montana

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REPORT ON 1943 LEGISLATION

The Legislative Committee of the MSLA, composed of Kathleen Campbell, chairman, Nina Ford, and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, put in six weeks of strenuous work planning and putting into effect our 1943 legislative program. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their splendid work.

Originally the Legislative Committee had prepared an amendment to the Commission law which they hoped might satisfy the Governor's Committee on Reorganization and Economy, which had proposed abolishing the commission. It developed, however, that this proposal would not be presented by the House Reorganization Committee.

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Butte had taken up the cause of the Commission as its legislative project and introduced a bill for an appropriation for the Commission. The bill was signed with excellent names of representatives, and Mr. Patterson of Hill County introduced it. The Bill received consideration in the Appropriations Committee, and Miss Campbell and Mrs. Martin were summoned to Helena to appear before the Committee for a hearing. Although our Bill had some very strong supporters on the Appropriations Committee, they were apparently in the minority, as the Bill was killed in Committee.

In reporting on the legislative campaign, Miss Campbell says, "Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Graybill, Mr. Dillaway, Mr. James and Mr. Patterson were wonderful to help us and to keep us informed as to the status of the Library Commission. Many other legislators were also fine, but everything was not accomplished which we wished might have been done. However, the Commission was saved, and that is what the Legislative Committee set out to do. We did not intend to ask for an appropriation for the Commission, however, when the SPE of Butte and other people in the state became interested, the Legislative Committee was more than pleased and stood ready to back the B.M. Appropriation Bill for the Commission. At least people in the state are becoming interested in state-wide library service, and perhaps this may be a beginning for better things in the future....I was very proud of the librarians over the state. There was not a single legislator to whom I talked who had not received a letter from the librarian in his district and many of them from other people as well. Each legislator knew about the Library Commission. The librarians of the state did a grand job and their response to your requests and those of the Legislative Committee have been most gratifying to us."

H B 204 making possible the raising of salaries of the State Historical Library staff was passed.

H B 167, sponsored by the Department of Education, reducing from 20 to 10% the number of voters' signatures needed to petition for establishment of county and regional libraries, was also passed.

Both these measures merited the support given them by MSLA.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who helped with the 1943 Legislative campaign, and especially to the members of the committee - Miss Ford, Mrs. Martin, and Miss Campbell.

Ellen Torgrimson

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

15,417 books

have been reported by 29 county directors in the 1943 Victory Book Campaign in Montana. Reports have not been made by directors in the following counties: Broadwater, Carbon, Daniels, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Garfield, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, McCone, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Ravalli, Rosebud, Silver Bow, Toole, Treasure, Wheatland.

Five counties have been inactive: Carter, Glacier, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Sheridan.

Although fewer books have been collected this year, reports are that the books are much better in quality. Magazines are not needed in the army or navy libraries and directors are requested not to collect them or ship them.

VBC Books collected locally cannot be diverted to nearby military camps. VBC Headquarters asks that this not be done. Military and naval authorities prefer that the control of books to service commands and posts be regulated by a control office in order to insure equalized distribution of the books.

HIGHLIGHTS

Governor Sam C. Ford gave the associated press a statement urging the citizens of Montana to contribute books to the Victory Book Campaign. The Governor was photographed launching the Campaign by presenting the first book to Mrs. Mabel T. Miller, Ln., Helena Public Library.

In Chinook and Billings the mayors launched the 1943 Victory Book Campaign.

The Miles City Star, Great Falls Tribune and Billings Gazette were generous with news items, according to clippings sent to the state director.

Radio stations in Great Falls, Miles City, Missoula and Billings contributed time for local VBC broadcasts and carried the nation-wide VBC broadcasts.

Money raising projects to buy new books for the Victory Book Campaign have been reported. The Kalispell Book Club raised \$25, the Plains Woman's Club \$10, and Big Timber and Fort Benton report \$10 and \$78 in donations.

Service clubs and the AMVS were helpful in several towns.

Billings took advantage of the registration for War Ration Book 2 and set up collection boxes in all points of registration.

Margaret Fulmer,
Montana State Director, VBC.

OTHER VBC ITEMS CONTRIBUTED

The past two months have been largely taken up with the Victory Drive. 2,461 volumes were collected in Great Falls and were of a better quality than last year though only about a third were sent.

Louise M. Fernald, Librarian.

From Miles City, Sally Falkner reports that the A.M.V.S. aided enthusiastically in the VBC drive there. They collected 1900 books.

Here, in Lincoln County, our collection was 849 books. The editor of our local paper, Western News, was very generous and long-suffering in printing our VBC articles and rhymes.

Miss Patricia Gibbons reports the VBC for Flathead County was successfully completed on March 5 with the total of 1500 books received. The books which were donated were exceptionally good in quality considering it was the second campaign.

(The following item taken from the Miles City paper for March 26, 1943, is completely because we thought it most interesting and noteworthy)

DINNER AND PROGRAM HONORS MRS. ZOOK
AS LIBRARIAN EMERITUS

Announcement was made last night at an informal dinner gathering that, beginning on April 1, Mrs. Laura Zook, after 40 years continuous service will continue her services at the Carnegie Public Library as Librarian Emeritus, and Mrs. Sally Falkner on that date will assume her new duties as librarian.

Mrs. Zook and Mrs. Falkner were guests at the dinner served in the banquet room of the Metropolitan Cafe of the members of the board of trustees of the local library and a group of friends, and relatives, besides representatives of the municipality.

Presented with a corsage, Mrs. Zook expressed her appreciative acknowledgment of the compliments spoken and the courtesies extended to her on the occasion of her celebration of the 40th anniversary of her assuming the duties of librarian at the local library on March 25, 1903. Associated with her through many years of her term as librarian, and present at the dinner was Mrs. Kenneth McLean, who for 25 years was secretary of the board of trustees.

The program which was informal, included the reading of a description of the library at the time of its completion 40 years ago, by Mrs. Falkner, who gave the background of the institution which was made possible by the gift of the late Andrew Carnegie.

A brief review of the career of Mrs. Zook from the time of her arrival by river steamer with her parents at old Milestown in June 1878, her attendance at the early day schools of the new Miles City, graduation from the old and first Washington school, teaching in the Lama Deer region, serving two terms as county superintendent of school, and her appointment by Dr. W.W. Andrus, then mayor, to the position she continued for four decades to the present time, were recited.

Mrs. Zook is also past president of the Montana State Library Association.

Mayor Frank J. Jelinek, speaking for the municipality, extended felicitations to Mrs. Zook and reviewed the relations which have existed between the city authorities and the board of trustees of the library throughout the many years.

Acknowledgement was also made of the presence at the dinner of City Engineer and Mrs. Kurt Wiel. As city engineer Mr. Wiel has assisted by his cooperation and advice in planning betterments and improvements which have been installed within recent months.

The table was beautifully decorated with flowers and lighted candles. The setting was perfect for the occasion. Mrs. Zook in whose honor the dinner was arranged, during the program exhibited pictures of the library taken at the time of the erection of the building and spoke from manuscript of the program held at the time of the dedication of the library on March 25, 1903, when Editor Durston of the old Butte Miner made the principal address.

Dr. E.H. Rowen arranged for the facilities for the dinner, and Mrs. A.M. Brockway and Mrs. J.D. Soanlan had charge of the table arrangements and decorations.



Dan Cupid has not skipped the librarians in Montana on his busy rounds. We have three couples to whom we extend our very best wishes.

Miss Enid Thornton, Montana, 1941 and Mr. Donald Thompson of the Anaconda Mining Co. Engineering Department, were married November 12, 1942. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Butte Public Library Staff for a year. The couple will make their home in Butte.

On December 15, 1942, Corinne Bonde and Sgt. Norman Blaine Ackley were married. He attended the University of Washington and is affiliated with the 16th Weather Squadron of Lewistown, Montana. Mrs. Ackley will keep her position as Librarian at Lewistown for the duration.

Miss Mary Janett Pival and Norman H. Risley, Pharmacist's Mate, 3rd Class U.S.N. were married December 28, 1942 at Libby, Montana. She is Assistant Librarian at Lincoln County Free Library and (bless her heart) will continue in her position for the duration. Her husband at present is at an unknown station overseas.

PERIODICALS FOR EXCHANGE

Montana State College Library

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v. 2, no.2,4	Jan. Jl. 1938
v. 3, no.1-4	Oct. 1938 Jl. 1939 2 copies
v. 4, no.1-4	Oct. 1939 Jl. 1940 3 copies
	Sent in by Miss Jeanne Lewis
	Library Assistant

APPOINTMENTS

Miss Jeane Lewis, Library Assistant at Montana State College Library has accepted the position as Librarian at the brand new Flathead County Library to take effect July 1st. (We are very interested in this project and really envy (good-naturedly, of course) her opportunity to take a new field and develop it from the beginning. It is really exciting and she has a splendid board to work with. Best wishes, Miss Lewis.)

From Miles City we learn that Mrs. Sally Falkner has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Laura Zook at the Carnegie Public Library there. Sally began her apprenticeship in that library 20 years ago. She later attended the U of Montana (where she was the youngest student enrolled), and the U of Minnesota. From September 1929 - January 1, 1931 she was 1st assistant under Mrs. Garber in Billings, resigning that position to return to Miles City and open the Children's Department. She attended Institute for Library work with children in Berkeley in the summer of 1939, remaining there for summer session. Granted a leave of absence for study at Carnegie Library School in Pittsburgh the school year of 1940-41 she studied hard and then returned to her position as Children's Librarian at Miles City which she has held to the present.

"Miss Lucy Joyce has been named librarian of the community library, succeeding Mrs. Minnie Austin who resigned. The library is supported by the county commissioners and the city council." This item regarding the White Sulphur Springs library was noticed by Miss Torgrimson in the Great Falls Tribune.

In December 1942, Mrs. Willa A. Bowdish was appointed to the staff to fill the vacancy caused by the marriage of Miss Thornton. Mrs. Bowdish, is a former teacher and a graduate of the University of Chicago. Miss Sultzer remarked that she "has been a great addition to our force".

Miss Ford announces that Dorothea Wenrich, a senior at the Missoula County High School is an apprentice at the Missoula City and County Library.

Corinne Bonde Ackley has been appointed on the P.N.L.A. membership committee. Have we all paid our dues? We're afraid not!

The M.S.L.A. Adult Education is composed of Mrs. Corinne Ackley, Chairman, Miss Jeane Lewis, and Miss Patricia Gibbons.

Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe, our worthy Treasurer, reports that: There are two new assistants at the Bozeman Public Library: Ruth Deem and Molly Arnold. The Gallatin Co. Hi. School Librarian is Marie Gregorson
Columbus High School Librarian is Jennie B. Turner
Absarokee High School Librarian is Bonnie Jean Dunbar
Rapelje High School Librarian is Cecilia Bold.
Carnegie Public Library--Miles City--New Assistant--Marion McKinnon
Red Point High School Librarian is Jemina Harper

NECROLOGY

The death of Miss Rode Schwaneckamp, on March 20, 1943, was a great shock to her fellow members of the Butte library staff. She had been on the staff for twenty years. Miss Schwaneckamp was the victim of a heart attack. At the present time, the vacancy has not been filled.

BILLINGS GROUP DISCUSSES PERTINENT TOPICS

BILLINGS. Is democracy compatible with capitalism is the subject for discussion at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library April 11, at 2:30 P.M. This is the tenth in a series of bi-weekly discussions to stimulate more reading and thinking in Billings on the issues and problems of the war and postwar period. Since December 6, the Atlantic Charter, Japanese-American Relations, India, China, Latin America, Russia, Great Britain, Can War be Abolished, Public Opinion, and the Treaty of Versailles have been discussed by volunteer speakers including a lawyer, three teachers, a Y.C.A. secretary, a doctor, a laborer, and a housewife. The last discussion, April 18, will be a round table on essentials for a durable peace. The meetings are open to the public and the attendance has averaged 52 with the smallest 20 and the largest 80. These discussion groups are sponsored by the library as an adult education service and planned by a steering committee of local citizens and the Board of Trustees of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library.

Margaret Fulmer, Librarian

BROWSING LIBRARY ARRANGED

GREAT FALLS. Miss Fernald writes, "For many years we have dreamed of having a 'Browsing Library' comprised of sets of classics, poetry, history, etc. This winter our dream came true by way of a gift from Mr. Ransome Cooper, Jr, of his father's library of some 700 volumes of handsomely bound sets. They were given in their original cases and have been placed in our Reference Room, easy of access to all."

CHANGES LIBRARY HOURS

MISSOULA. Due to a rapid downward spiral in circulation and the very limited use of the library during the morning hours, coupled with a shortage of professional help, the Board of Missoula Public Library decided to close the library all mornings except Saturday. The library is now open week days 12 noon to 9 P.M. Mondays through Friday, and on Saturday from 10 to 6. At the same time the professional staff accepted a longer working week to carry the work without additional trained help.

Taking advantage of less work in the circulation and reference departments, the staff has cooperated in a library-wide project of withdrawing outdated and unused books. It is hoped that this project may be completed so as to provide needed shelf space for new additions, remove sources of much misinformation, and provide a more up-to-date and more usable collection of books.

Nina Ford, Librarian

SPECIAL HISTORICAL SERIES FOR CHILDREN

BILLINGS. "Growing up with America", a series of story hours, is being held Saturday mornings in the children's room of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library. The series began with stories of American pioneer life, followed by stories of present day America. Book exhibits and reading lists are prepared for each story hour. The stories are planned and told by Miss Olive Brain, Children's Librarian, to help boys and girls to a better understanding of their country, its development and traditions, and our part in the war. Children's books and pamphlets and mimeographed lists on wartime activities are displayed currently in the children's room.

U LIBRARY OFFERS TIMELY MATERIAL

MISSOULA. The State University Library in Missoula has copies of Herbert Hoovers **THE PROBLEMS OF LASTING PEACE** which it will distribute to the first libraries requesting them. During March the University Library distributed copies of **MOBILIZING OUR BRAIN POWER**, issued by the American Library Association.

Winifred Feighner, Ass't Librarian

STILLWATER COUNTY LIBRARY ISSUES QUARTERLY

COLUMBUS. Miss Zne Bauer, Librarian, is busy publishing her quarterly which consists mostly of the books recently added to the library. She would be glad to receive a copy of similar publications from other libraries and/or to send a copy of hers.

To correct the record she sent to the last bulletin, Miss Bauer tells us that they have 1,245 borrowers. Also in her Friends of the Library Report she said that this group acts as a "stirring" committee, and she really meant "steering". (Nethings, says the editor, that a stirring, steering committee should be about right. Further she goes on. For instance, a member was appointed as Committee of One to be responsible for getting eight women pledged to come to the library to rebind worn out library books, each Monday night. They are not the same women each week and are not necessarily Friends of the Library. Some women who have come to bookbinding sessions have later joined the Friends of the Library."

DR. RENNE WRITES FOR LIBRARY QUARTERLY

BOZEMAN. Miss Doris E. Wilson, State College Library, informs us that Dr. Renne who wrote the paper for our bulletin last year has written another paper for **THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY**, April 1943.

PROSPECTIVE REVENUES FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES IN THE WAR AND POST WAR PERIODS.....R.R. Renne.

SOME MORE "FREE WHEELING"

MISSOULA. The Missoula County Free Library has now two stations on wheels. The boxcar library is still serving the men at the A.C.M. Headquarters Camp at Woodworth and several months ago a school was opened near Clearwater in a trailer house. This school is conducted by Mrs. Jane Smith and enrolls three pupils. Clearwater is located in the Blackfoot Valley and the trailer house has been hunkered in heavy snow as a protection against the cold. The trailer is divided into living quarters for the teacher and space for the children's desks.

FACTS ON FILE SERVICE ADDED

BILLINGS. Facts on file, a weekly digest of world events, has been added to the reference information service of the Family Billings Memorial Library. The news is arranged under broad subjects such as World War II, national affairs, and education, and religion. Each issue contains a cumulative index. The advisory board for Facts on File includes such well-known people as H.V. Kaltenborn and Dr. Hendrik Van Loon. The Billings Gazette carried an announcement of Facts on File and Miss Dorothy Huston, Reference Librarian, has sent brief announcements describing it to local business men for whom the periodical should have special appeal.

STORY HOUR PLEASURES

HAVRE. The Havre Public Library is pleased to report that much interest has been shown, during the school year, in the "Story Hour" periods. The stories have been told by teachers from the grade schools. During the month of April groups of practice teachers from the Northern Montana College, under the guidance of Miss Margaret Skinner, head of the English department, will tell the stories.

Emlyn Benson, Librarian

LIBRARIAN SPEAKS TO P.T.A.

KALISPELL. Miss Patricia Gibbons, Librarian of the Carnegie City Library at Kalispell spoke to the P.T.A. on the subject on "Enjoyment of Reading".

Miss Gibbons left on April 4 for a two weeks vacation. She is visiting friends in Spokane, Plains and Missoula.

RE-CATALOGING JUVENILE ROOM PAYS

LEWISTOWN. The juvenile room has been going through a process of recataloging in an effort to make available many books of fiction and non-fiction that have not had subject headings made for them. This is a slow job - but already we have found that the service we have been able to give has more than made up for the tedious work.

Corinne Bonde Ackley, Librarian

MONTANA COLLECTION CATALOGED

BILLINGS. The Montana collection of the Parady Billings Memorial Library containing volumes of early Northwest Americana Montana history and biography, first editions of Montana authors, geological survey and forest maps, publications of Montana schools and State departments, journals of the House and Senate and laws passed by the Legislative assemblies of the territory of Montana, bound volumes of the Billings Gazette from 1902 to date, Billings city directories from 1883 to date has been completely cataloged by Miss Virginia Sanders, Catalog Librarian. The project has taken several months concentrated work and the compilation of a subject heading list. Among the first editions is Vigilante Days and Ways by Nathaniel Langford, My Sixty Years on the Plains by William Hamilton, and Good Medicine by C.M. Russell, and the original Journals of Lewis and Clark, printed from the original manuscript and edited by R.G. Thwaites.

THEY LIKE 'EM WILD

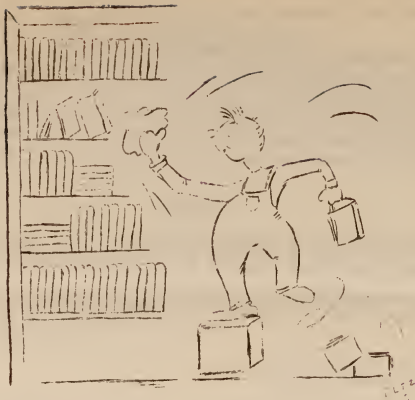
LIBBY. The northwest county in Montana, Lincoln, is over half forest and lumber land. Up here in the "sticks" where you might find some of the last frontier we have the following request from a rural school-- "The upper grades have made requests for books as follows; Book want dog stories; four asked for mystery stories; eleven, deer stories; eighteen, horse stories; eighteen, cowboy stories; ~~children~~, adventure stories."

Where, oh, where! is Little Lord Fauntleroy?

THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians, 1941.....35¢
1942 Supplement.....25¢

Helen Pessman, Montana State College Library, Bozeman, Montana



Spring is here,
The sap has riz,
I wonder where
Them flowers is.

It does seem, at long last, as though spring is really here and spring always reminds us of house-cleaning, painting, etc.etc.etc. It was interesting that several of the librarians have reported "slicking up" and we have been eyeing our shelves and cubards with more than passing interest. It is like a treasure hunt each year to find what will be behind the books on the next shelf.

During November and December, 1943, the Butte library was thoroughly cleaned and calsonimed. It has been a great improvement, especially in the Children's Room, where the shelves were painted white making the room much brighter.

Miss Ruth Sultzer.

(Ed. Note--that sounds like a good place to have M.S.L.A.)

At Lewistown, the Carnegie Public Library has undergone a great deal of repair work. They have new shelving built all around the reading room to replace the steel stacks that were there. The steel stacks have been moved into the stack alcove thereby increasing the shelving capacity in both the reading and stacks rooms. The lighting system in the stacks has also been changed with individual lighting for each stack. They find this a great saving in electricity besides giving better light for the public in searching for a book.

The juvenile has undergone a thorough process of housecleaning. Every book has been washed, shellaced and mended.

From the Carnegie City Library at Kalispell comes word that plans are being made for some new pictures to be added. A new book case will be added to the juvenile room and new material has been obtained for the display table.

Speaking of library buildings, Miss Anna Olsrud, Chairman of the Flathead County Library Board, sends the following:

FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY BUILDING

In the last issue of the Library Bulletin there was an article about the new Flathead County Library in which I stated that the county owned a large residence which would be moved and remodeled for the library. We had consulted the contractors but later they reported that the building was too large to be moved, so now we have rented an office room with two small rooms at the back. We do not need a janitor as it is heated from the Kalispell hotel. It has a marble floor which is suitable for a public building.

NOTICE

It has been decided that, with conditions as they are, there will be no publication of a 1943 supplement to the DIRECTORY OF MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS. However, the Directory file will be kept up-to-date as usual, in order to answer specific questions with accuracy and to facilitate the preparation of a 1944 supplement. Therefore, please send me any changes of staff or hours which have occurred in your library this year. And send them as soon as possible!

Helen Pesman
Montana State College Library
Bozeman, Montana

HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, AND INDUSTRIAL MAP AVAILABLE

Miss Elsie Lundberg submitted information about such a map which is evidently available from the Mentholatum Company, Wilmington, Delaware. It is presented free to schools, and perhaps libraries, too. It is created by R.T. Hutchinson, whose maps on the history of printing are internationally known. (We're going to write for one.)

NEXT BULLETIN

The next issue of the Bulletin will be edited and published by Mrs. Sally Falkner, Librarian, Miles City. It will be the Convention number. Please send any news notes to her by June 1.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all of you who so generously sent in news, many in response to an SOS. It takes news to make a news sheet.

We thank our local friend, Miss Elizabeth Stuhlreiter, who drew the pictures for us. She said she was glad to do it.

Our editor also wants to thank her assistant Mary Janett Risley who has patiently and efficiently aided and abetted in this project.

It's getting late and we are tired,
We need some sleep, or we'll be fired.
Please excuse for anything omitted,
As well as for our sins committed.

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The 30th annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association convened in Butte, May 3-4, 1943. The minutes follow:

The meeting was called to order by Miss Ellen Torgrimson, president, on Monday, May 3, at 9:30 A.M. at the Finlen Hotel. Mrs. Julia McMullen presented the Honorable Barry O'Leary, Mayor of Butte, who welcomed the Montana librarians to the city.

Miss Torgrimson presented her president's report indicating the reason for changing the meeting place from Hardin to Butte was due to travel problems and rationing. So many problems of the Association needed consideration this year that in spite of some difficulties a meeting was deemed necessary. The revision of the constitution and plans for work of the Association through the war period were problems stressed by Miss Torgrimson.

The minutes of the 1942 meeting at Kalispell were read and approved. The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$104.12 read by the secretary in Mrs. Mildred Grawe's absence was accepted.

Due to Miss Kathleen Campbell's absence no report on A.L.A. membership or State Library Extension Commission were presented. The report on P.N.L.A. Membership showed 31 members from Montana. Miss Virginia Sanders presented Miss Margaret Fulmer's report on the Victory Book Campaign. 26,842 books have been collected up to April 30, 1943 in the 1943 campaign. 43 counties of the state have contributed. Several cities reported money raising projects to buy new books for the soldiers.

The report of the M.S.L.A. Directory, given by Miss Doris Wilson for Mrs. Helen Pesman, recommended that no supplement be issued for 1943 but that all librarians keep Mrs. Pesman informed of changes in staff in order that her records be kept up to date.

At the suggestion of Miss Winnifred Feighner, who feels the University Library has urgent need of this supplement, Mrs. Pesman is requested to include information of changes in library staff in the December number of the M.S.L.A. Bulletin.

In her report on publicity Mrs. Mabel Miller mentioned some success in obtaining statewide publicity.

Miss Virginia Sanders, representative for the P.N.L.A. Quarterly for Montana, urged that news for this publication be sent to her.

The Adult Education Committee report was read by Mrs. Helen Sweeney for Mrs. Corrine Ackley. The suggestion for closer cooperation from P.N.L.A. and A.L.A. Adult Education Committees was referred to Mrs. Payson.

Mrs. Lois Payson described her experience as a member of the board of directors of P.N.L.A. and welcomed suggestions from members that could be presented to the board.

For the Regional Libraries committee Miss Nina Ford reported that Miss Inez Ratekin had made two trips to Kalispell to help with the organization of the Flathead County Library. Miss Jeanne Lewis had been secured as librarian and an office building has been rented for county library quarters. Missoula Public Library has offered to extend regional library service to several adjacent counties but definite arrangements have not been completed. Miss Campbell made a trip to Great Falls to discuss with the trustees of the WPA regional library project embracing Teton, Judith Basin, Cascade and Pondera Counties as to the possibilities of continuing it after WPA support would be withdrawn. There is interest in a county library in Fergus County and in Gallatin County and in a county-city contract system in Dawson County.

Miss Evelyn Swant reported that the certification committee was advised not to go ahead with a voluntary certification project until the Attorney General gives a decision as to the legality of such action.

The next order of business was the revision of the constitution.

Article I. No change

Article II. Adopted with addition of "and raise standards of library service."

Article III. Changed as follows:

Section I. There shall be five classes of members: Active, associate, life, contributing or sustaining, and ex-officio.

Section II. Active Members. Any person, institution or association actually or previously engaged in library work, or any graduate of an accredited library school may become an active member of this association and be entitled to all its privileges upon payment of the dues as provided by the By-Laws.

Section III. Associate Members. Any person, institution or association interested in library work may become an associate member upon payment of the dues as provided by the By-Laws, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of this association except the right to vote and the right to hold office.

Section IV. Life Members. Any person eligible for active membership may become a life member upon payment of fees as provided in the By-Laws.

Section V. Contributing or Sustaining Members. Any person or institution eligible for membership may become a contributing or sustaining member.

Section VI. Ex-Officio Members. A library's membership in this association shall entitle the members of its governing board to be ex-officio members.

Section VII. Membership eligibility. The executive board of the association shall pass upon the eligibility of all applicants for membership, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sections of this article.

Section VIII. Voting privileges. Each active, life, contributing and sustaining member of the association in good standing shall be entitled to all voting privileges. The governing board of each library holding active membership in the association, through a delegated representative, may have one vote on all questions which come before the association.

Article IV. Adopted with change from five members to ten members.

Article V. Adopted to read: The officers of the association shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary and a treasurer. The officers together with the past-president shall constitute the executive board.

Article VI. Adopted as amended to read: The officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the president. They shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, a majority of the votes constituting an election. The president-elect shall serve the first year after election as vice-president, the second year as president, the third year as past-president.

Article VII. The term of office shall begin with election and shall continue for one year or until new officers are elected.

Article VIII. Committee changed to read "board."

Article IX. Adopted to read as follows: There shall be an annual meeting of the association at such time as provided in the By-Laws. Special meetings may be called by the executive board or by the president on request of six members of the association. At least three weeks notice shall be given and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

Article X. Adopted with the addition of the following: or by ballot sent by mail recording a vote from two-thirds of the membership.

Article XI. No change.

By-Laws.

Section 1. Executive committee changed to executive "board".

Section 2. No change.

Section 3. Adopted to read: The fiscal year of the association shall coincide with the terms of office as stated in Article VII of the constitution.

Section 4. Dues. Annual dues shall be due and payable before June 1. Active and associate membership fees \$1.00, Institutional membership \$2.00, Contributing membership \$2.00, Sustaining membership \$5.00, Life membership \$20.00.

Section 5. Time of meeting. Annual meeting shall be the first Monday and Tuesday in May.

A luncheon was held in the Finlen Hotel at 12:30 with Miss Guinevere Crouch as hostess.

At 2:00 o'clock the association reconvened at the Montana State School of Mines Library with Miss Torgrimson presiding. In Miss Campbell's report on the Institute on war and post war issues read by Miss Catherine White, Miss Campbell described her impressions of the Institute held in Seattle and urged the forming of adult groups to study these problems. A number of librarians presented suggestions and plans for such groups.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin described the closing of the WPA Library project in Montana and gave high praise to the many communities which are attempting to carry on this library service.

Miss Louise Fernald reported on the progress of the Regional Library project in the Great Falls area sketching its progress from early WPA libraries in 1936. With the discontinuing of the WPA projects it is hoped that enough interest has been created to soon establish the proposed regional library.

The organization of an army camp library was described by Mrs. Martin. Her remarks centered chiefly on the library at Fort. William Henry Harrison which she helped to organize.

The president appointed the following committees.

Nominating committee	Mrs. Payson, Chairman
	Miss Fernald
	Miss Swant
Resolutions committee	Miss Wilson, Chairman
	Miss Haskins
	Mrs. Sweeney

A tea served by the hostess librarians in the browsing corner of the School of Mines Library was a welcome and refreshing break in the afternoon's program.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at the Finlen Hotel for further business.

After a report on the 1943 Montana Legislative Assembly as it affected libraries given by Miss Ford the following suggestions for the 1945 legislative program were given.

1. Radio publicity, keeping libraries before the public.
2. Keep librarians, club groups and legislators informed of library problems and progress through the next two years.
3. Prepare our bills and have them ready for introduction early.
4. Be prepared for opposition on regional libraries.
5. Suggest higher qualifications for County Superintendents.
6. Counteract opposition to library measures proposed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
7. On certification for librarians name board "Board for Vocational Standards". Charge fee of one dollar for certification.
8. Need to interest and educate larger groups to sponsor library bills; such as Business and Professional Women's Club and Women's Clubs.

Invitation was extended by Miss Ford to hold the next annual convention at Missoula.

A banquet was held at the Finlen Hotel at 7:00 o'clock with Mrs. Julia McMullen presiding. "The Place of Latin America in the New World Order" was the topic of a speech given by Miss Eleanor Dougherty of the Great Falls College of Education.

On Tuesday the meeting was called to order at 9:30 in the Finlen Hotel with Miss Torgrimson presiding. Miss Ruth Eismann presented a paper on "Outstanding Books of the War".

The adjustment so necessary at this time with our nation at war was vividly brought to us in a discussion of "The Army takes over the Campus" by Miss Feighner of Montana State University; Miss Wilson of Montana State College and Miss Guinevere Crouch of Montana State School of Mines.

A communication read by Miss Olive Brain for Miss Margaret Fulmer presented the problem of library personnel and the need to acquaint library boards with the need of salary raises for library staffs in order to maintain properly trained and qualified personnel during this period.

The motion was made and seconded that the problem of personnel and that of pensions and salaries of librarians be studied during the year and considered at the next meeting of the Association. Carried.

Mrs. Payson gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Mrs. Sally Falkner, president

Miss Nina Ford, vice-president and president-elect

Miss Dorothy Peterson, secretary

Miss Ruth Eismann, treasurer

The report was accepted and the officers declared duly elected.

The report of the Resolutions Committee read by Miss Wilson was accepted.

The motion was carried that the association accept the invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Missoula.

At 12:00 o'clock a luncheon was held at the Finlen Hotel with Miss Inez Haskins presiding. At this time the question of funds for the SLEC and Regional Libraries was discussed. The decision was made that the association again hold a fund of \$75.00 from its treasury available for this work if needed.

The meeting was then ajourned.

Secretary,
Elise Lundberg

FROM MONTANA LIBRARIES

BILLINGS: Years ago at the Billings Polytechnic Institute Library there was begun an intensive campaign in developing a subject-heading file in the library and these cards were kept in a separate file. This was thought of as a temporary arrangement but as time past it was found to be much more convenient than the usual method of combining them with the author and title cards. It not only saves time in thumbing over so many cards, reports Miss Emma Johnson, librarian, but it also emphasizes the use of subject-heading cards. It is an incentive to building up the subject-heading file, and makes it possible for more people to use the card index at the same time.

Miss Dorothy Huppert, who has been student assistant in the Eastern Montana State Normal School Library, will be an assistant in the Livingston Public Library during the summer.

The Summer Reading Project at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library is divided into two age groups. For grades 1-3 there is a "Flag Club" in which each member raises his flag on the pole as he reads. Grades 4-8 advance in army rank as they read. Reading on American life is being emphasized.

BOZEMAN: Miss Jeanne Lewis has finished her work at the Montana State College Library and gone to Kalispell to begin her duties as librarian of the new Flathead County Library.

BUTTE: Miss Margaret K. Sullivan was appointed Junior Librarian in the Butte Free Public Library May 1.

Mrs. McMullen says: "Starting on Monday June 7, we began our annual "shelf-listing" during which time the library was open from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and books were returned but not exchanged. We

maintained a "conscience" box out side the entrance which is all that its name implies. It's really surprising to know the number of books we have collected which have been missing from our shelves for some time..."

GREAT FALLS Miss Josephine Seddon branch librarian who since the closing of the West Side Branch for the duration has been assisting in the main library is leaving to take up war work.

HARDIN: Mrs. Christiansen reports "We have a display all the time in one of the windows of the Montana Power office, which is changed each week. We endeavor to have our displays in keeping with any special day or week. Also we try to display important new books added to the library from time to time at the same time they are listed in our paper..."

HAVRE: Pioneer literature of the west will be stressed for the vacation reading in the children's department of the Havre Public Library. Colorful posters, depicting western scenes, have been made by pupils of the art department of the Havre High School.

HELENA. An outstanding exhibit prepared by the Office of Public Relations at Fort William Henry Harrison has been on display at the Helena Public Library. This display consists of orientation booklets, maps and charts provided the armed forces all over the world.

Under guidance of Corporal Ruddy of Fort William Henry Harrison it is planned to inaugurate a forum group for Helena people.

KALISPELL: Spring Festival was held during the week of May 24 at the Carnegie City Library at which time over 200 new juvenile books were on display. Two of the main designs were centered around career books for girls and airplane and radio books for boys. During the Spring Festival the boys and girls registered for the Summer Reading Club. This year the theme of the Club is "The American Flag".

MISSOULA: Miss Dorothea Wenrich is a new member of the student staff at the Missoula Public Library.

Thursday, June 3 the Missoula Public Library began a series of broadcasts over radio station KGVO. The program, entitled THE OPEN BOOK, will be heard weekly. Speakers will be the various members of the staff. Mrs. Rhea Strawn was the first speaker, and chose for her subject the history of libraries in ancient times.

The WIN YOUR WINGS READING CLUB of the Missoula Public Library is proving popular with the children. Several have brought model airplanes to the library to be flown in the Children's Room along with the many paper planes that are flown as awards in the reading program.

MSLA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Executive Committee	Mrs. Sally Falkner, president Miss Nina Ford, president-elect Miss Ellen Torgimson, past-president Miss Ruth Eismann, treasurer Miss Dorothy Peterson, secretary
Publicity Committee	Miss Margaret Fulmer, chairman Miss Patricia Gibbons Mrs. Corrine Ackley
Historian	Miss Pauline Rich
Certification Committee	Miss Evelyn Swant, chairman Mrs. Hazel Christiansen Miss Wm. Fred Teighner
Legislative Committee	Miss Kathleen Campbell, chairman Mrs. Emyln Benson Mrs. Mabel Miller Mrs. Lois Payson
Regional Library Committee	Miss Nina Ford, chairman Miss Inez Ratekin Mrs. Leon Coombs Miss Jeanne Lewis
Membership Committee	Miss Ruth Eismann, chairman Mrs. Mildred Grawe Mrs. Julia McMullen Miss Olive Brain
Adult Education Committee	Miss Virginia Sanders
Federal Relations Committee	Miss Doris Wilson
State Library Extension Commission	Miss Kathleen Campbell
Victory Book Campaign	Miss Margaret Fulmer
Pacific Northwest Library Association	Mrs. Lois Payson

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The PNLA Nominating Committee, of which Mrs. Emyln Benson is chairman, wishes to state that the ballots will be mailed to PNLA members about June 15. The committee requests all to be prompt in voting and to return the ballots not later than August 1.

A Billings resident has a set of Harvard Classics which any one may have by paying transportation costs. Write Parmly Billings Memorial Library.

SPECIAL NOTICE

My request in the last Bulletin that each librarian send me changes in her staff and library hours brought me exactly one reply. We shall never have an up-to-date directory that way. For your convenience, I have prepared the form given below. Would you please fill it out and send it to me at once.

Helen Pesman
Montana State College, Bozeman

Name & address of your library _____

Name of new staff member	Person replaced	Title	Date replaced
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Our library hours have been changed since April 1942: They now are:

Editors: Miss Olive Brain
Miss Virginia Sanders

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION
SOUTH AVE. & MIDDLESEX
MISSOULA, MONTANA

